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Your expressed opinion of others helps others form their opinion about you, especially if you right and apologize afterward. JCP

## THE BRITTLE WALLS OF PROTECTION



Democrats bailed out of DC on August 1st for a recess until September 8, 2008. Not that Americans should care that they didn't agree to spend our money, but there are several issues that need some immediate attention.

The Republicans' grand-stand was built on a lot of hype about being outraged that Congress failed to pass an energy bill—evidently neglecting to mention that they had failed to muster an energy policy all the while they were in control of Congress. Oil prices were on their way up in 2006; Democrats had to take over. Since the Democrats assumed power in DC the oil prices had more than doubled. Oil hovers around \$120 a barrel.

Americans aren't Europeans. Those who descended from European blood probably know how screwed up it was in Europe way back when, and is even more screwed-up now. Americans aren't French nor are they Canadian. Americans get riled when they get taken advantage of by politicians, businesses and lobbyists. They get especially riled when their government has no problem watching the citizenry slip into the abyss of serfdom.

We would hope most Americans would take a little time to understand the precepts of the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution does not provide anyone any freedoms whatsoever—freedoms were clearly given to man by God Himself, not Congress.

The Constitution was designed to protect the citizens of this great nation from the whims and wills of a corrupt and distrainable government. It not only protects citizens from unjust infringements on their God-given rights; it also protects the numerous state and local governments from being victimized by an overzealous national government.

The Constitution provides very strict, clear and specific parameters within which the national government has the authority to perform its duty on behalf of the citizens. But what we have been subjected to during the 20th and so far in the 21st Century is nothing short of tyranny. From the creation of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a non-government entity, to the confiscation of gold coins to the removal of the U. S. dollar off of the gold standard, we have been conned by the best career politicians this nation has ever seen.

The walls of protection between the U. S. government and the people, businesses and industries has been battered relentlessly. The walls of protection have become brittle. They are now far more easily breached.

National judges have overturned the will of the people on numerous occasions. They did so without the authority to do so. Even the U. S. Supreme Court still harbors five justices that changed the Constitution's Amendment V's protection from arbitrary confiscation of private land to a carte blanc permission to take land at will if it means the government can make more money off of the property. Not one Congressman stood and called for articles of impeachment.

Amendment XVI, the authority to collect taxes on incomes has blossomed into an unencumbered spree of tax collections. Not that it matters that the States had not passed and approved the Amendment as it is now worded; it was still ratified. This is the largest of the non-amendments in the Constitution and is still published in all copies of the Constitution as if were as legitimate and constitutional as the Federal Reserve Bank.

The great benefit of willy-nilly legislation is that everyone can jump on-board and write whatever they want without challenge. The citizens approve sales taxes, but are not permitted to vote on gas taxes, tobacco taxes and numerous other taxes. We are able to vote on millage increases, but not decreases.

There are major problems within our tax structure, including the legality of many of the taxes that are collected. The *ad valorem* tax, or tax assessed according to the value of something you own, is one of the most anti-constitutional taxes ever devised. Yet, we accept it because it helps educate the children. Nonsense. States and the national governments are solely responsible for funding public education since it's their baby, not ours.

Aside from the established fact that most governments assess more money than is absolutely required to run the functions under their authority, the other fact is that the citizens have to lease their land from the government or risk having it sold in a tax-sale; both are outrageous!

As gas prices hover around \$4.00 a gallon and diesel even higher, Congress is considering adding more tax on gasoline. When your government can redirect any revenue they want toward other programs and special interests, things like roads and bridges are allowed to age. Just here in the Upper Peninsula in order to bring the roads and bridges up to code it would cost billions, if not trillions of dollars.

Remember the great campaigns of years gone by when promises were made to fix Social Security? Congress still takes the excess funds and spends it at the end of the year. These same mental giants have required the transition to digital TV, provided funding to non-profit groups so they could buy-up land, create easements and kill the value of their neighbor's land with buffer zones.

Then we arrive back at the recess of Congress. Citizens need to ask those who are seeking reelection to Congress where did they get the authority they have to restrict drilling in international waters? Why are we still sending billions in cash overseas when we could use tax cuts? How about those bail-outs? Good-bye.

# CREAM OF THE CROP?



Did any of you catch that speech when Barack Obama listed a bunch of evil political philosophies out there? He was of course trying to chastise her Highness Hillary Clinton when he made implications that

Nazism was a bad thing. But, at no time did Obama mention Communism as a bad political philosophy. Does this suggest that the ideologies of global warming, fag-marriages, infanticide-by-abortion, and anti-smoking freaks out there are only communists? Of course not; about half of them are Nazis. That's why Obama has a very thin line on which to tread. (In case you've forgotten, WWII had the communists fighting the fascists for the right to take over the world.)

Oh, that meeting Obama had with the Hollywood elite behind closed doors—we should wonder if he promised not to confiscate their wind-fall profits!

Next runner-up on the stage of incompetent political by-products is John McCain. Most of the world knows he was an honorable POW in the communist-run nation of North Vietnam. Most of America can understand his passion for ensuring strict interrogation guidelines for POWs, even if they're only "enemy combatants".

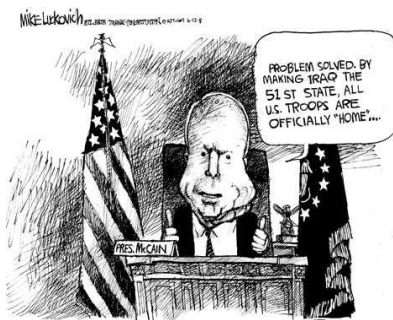
Come on John, don't you think that policies that effect how we gather the information to help save American lives would have been better discussed in the confines of a closed room with vetted people to help establish those policies?

By-the-way, did you think we missed it when you said, "I know how to fix the borders; I come from a state where the borders are broken.?" Pure genius! It's like Obama's "plan".

Americans probably thought that 1992 was the last time they'd see the dumbest of the group make it to the top. Did anyone else sit at the edge of the seat waiting for Bill Clinton to come out from behind the podium just to see if he was wearing shoes?

The images that come to mind whenever any these clowns like Obama, McCain and Clinton come on television are those of the carnival. It's a lot like those who are in the movie business; they smell of musty costumes and they don't have a clue about what to say without a script.

Well America, we are certainly in for a long-stretch of real bad judgment and poor policies. ~JCP



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## HELP WANTED: [HTTP://WWW.MITECHNEWS.COM/ARTICLES.ASP?ID=9054](http://www.mitechnews.com/articles.asp?id=9054)

Help Wanted: The citizens of the State of Michigan have an excellent opportunity for full-time employment. We are seeking a person who is intelligent, a self-starter, and can add without taking off his/her shoes. Canadians need not apply.

Governor Granholm has dipped into the public pension money to fund two business ventures which will help stimulate the State's economy. Way to go Granny!!

Evidently the cash cow Granny has with tobacco money, gas taxes, income taxes and 50% increase in sales tax isn't enough.

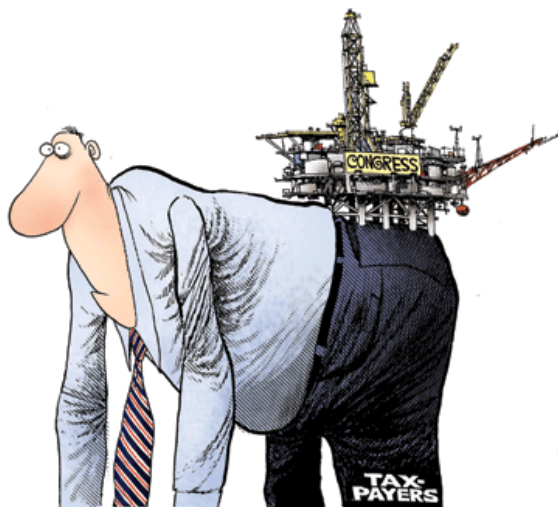
Those who worked to serve the citizens of the State over the years can now realize the effects of what happens whenever you vote your union slate and go for the Democrat. Not to worry, Republicans are no better at this stage.



While Granholm's pal Obama is making promises to invest billions into the inept and poorly managed auto industry coffers

to help them retool, businesses and industry are vacating the State along with a significant percentage of hard working taxpayers. Someone, please! Buy Granny a copy of Sim City!

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## BOB BARR; RON PAUL'S FILL-IN?



In just over two months voters will be going to the polls to vote for members of the House of Representatives, one-third of the U. S. Senators and a President. We all need to ask ourselves if we're content with the status quo.

If you like how your government has been run, comfortable with the economy and have no expectations for those who are elected to office, then by all means, let's keep the same group in Congress and also reward one of the DC insiders with the job of President. On-the-other-hand, if your thoughts tend to sway in another direction, you need to snap to attention, salute the flag and head to the polls with deliberate intentions.

Dr. Ron Paul is the only one willing to talk directly with the American people in a frank and sincere manner. While Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity are inclined to veer away from the real important issues that face this nation, Glenn Beck, Michael Savage and Mark Levin pretty much echo the need to pay attention like Dr. Ron Paul.

Assessing the 2008 presidential ticket we have little to choose from between the two major parties. It's difficult to tell one from the other. The striking reality that the promises that they're making are more easily promoted and implemented from the comfort of their seats in the Senate is irrelevant.

On the side-lines, coming in third, is the Libertarian candidate Bob Barr. He may be too Teddy Roosevelt for the modern-era citizenry. Bob Barr not only resembles Teddy in appearance, but also in his demeanor, frankness and "speak softly and carry a big stick" attitude.

Bob Barr carried the banner for most of the citizens during the Clinton perjury hearings in Congress. While the media and Democrats tried to portray Clinton's "indiscretions" as a private matter based on sex, Bob Barr remained focused on the fact that Clinton not only lied under oath, but pointedly lied in the faces of the American citizens and was evasive during the Grand Jury inquiry.

As it turned out through agreement with Democrats, the articles against Clinton would not include the most egregious allegations when it was sent to the Senate. Those articles would have required Clinton's certain removal from office.

Although it would be foolish of Americans to ever assume a mere mortal can be without tarnish, it is conceivable that a man like Barr would have no fewer expectations for his own actions than he would have for others in office. It may comfort us when we consider the alternatives at the front of the political line.

Bob Barr's most controversial act involved licking whipped cream off the bosom of a woman during a fund raising event for leukemia research. It's unlikely that when he's President he would do that in the Rose Garden.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob\\_Barr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Barr)—<http://www.bobbarr2008.com/splash/video/?s0618>

\*<http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org/life/quotes.htm>

## Michigan's 1st Congressional District Race

Republican Tom Casperson, current 108th District State Representative, decidedly won the primary election and now moves on to face incumbent Democrat Bart Stupak in the November 4th General Election.

While we have frequently pointed out Bart Stupak's shortfalls and profound lack of any ability to be an effective legislator, we do need to recognize his years of service, although questionable, to the people of Michigan's 1st District. We wish him to have a long and very uneventful retirement.

Good luck Bart; we sincerely hope the employees of Enstrom Helicopter and other failed industries from your adopted home town of Menominee have forgiven you. Since you'll be out of a job, it'll be ok to fly out of Green Bay like you've been doing, and you won't have to look into the eyes of the Twin County Airport employees. It's not that you didn't have the potential, it's just that your Party may think you're a joke.

Tom Casperson spent most of his life working in the forestry sector as a trucker and manager of his family's business.

Casperson briefed legislators in Lansing on the need to regulate the transportation of logs from the woods to the mills in order to reduce the number of fatal accidents.

Casperson stood-out as an articulate and devoted man who would be a natural contestant for the State House seat. He defeated Stupak's wife in the race for the 108th in 2002. He was led to victory by members of his church and many citizens that knew his good character.

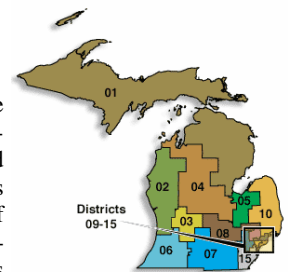
Shortly after the 2002 election, the freshman legislator was convinced by senior Republican colleagues to vote in favor of the proposed spending bill on the floor. Although the bill would cut funding for both the Newberry and Manistique correctional facilities, Tom was promised that those funding cuts could be worked out in the State Senate. Tom worked to ensure the funding was reconsidered by the Senate appropriations committee.

Tom received blows from the UP Democrats despite the fact that Tom put a placeholder for reconsideration and attached Democrat Mike Prusi's name to the placeholder.

As the UP Democrats loaded the buses with a lot of unsuspecting citizens for a ride to the steps of the Capitol, Tom was mocked as the Democrats shouted, "Not on my watch!". Under the watchful eyes of the UP Democrats, Manistique has since closed and Newberry is on the State's short-list for closure.

The bottom-line is that it didn't take Tom six years to learn the job; he was tossed into the water from the start and in all likelihood Tom will adjust quickly to the intricacies of Washington, DC.

If Tom is able to ignore the belling livestock around him and recoup his lost good judgment skills he will serve the 1st District honorably. Otherwise, there are still candidates waiting in the wings.





Monday, July 28, 2008

## VOIGHT: My concerns for America

### OP-ED

We, as parents, are well aware of the importance of our teachers who teach and program our children. We also know how important it is for our children to play with good-thinking children growing up.

Sen. Barack Obama has grown up with the teaching of very angry, militant white and black people: the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Louis Farrakhan, William Ayers and Rev. Michael Pfleger. We cannot say we are not affected by teachers who are militant and angry. We know too well that we become like them, and Mr. Obama will run this country in their mindset.

The Democratic Party, in its quest for power, has managed a propaganda campaign with subliminal messages, creating a God-like figure in a man who falls short in every way. It seems to me that if Mr. Obama wins the presidential election, then Messrs. Farrakhan, Wright, Ayers and Pfleger will gain power for their need to demoralize this country and help create a socialist America.

The Democrats have targeted young people, knowing how easy it is to bring forth whatever is needed to program their minds. I know this process well. I was caught up in the hysteria during the Vietnam era, which was

brought about through Marxist propaganda underlying the so-called peace movement. The radicals of that era were successful in giving the communists power to bring forth the killing fields and slaughter 2.5 million people in Cambodia and South Vietnam. Did they stop the war, or did they bring the war to those innocent people? In the end, they turned their backs on all the horror and suffering they helped create and walked away.

Those same leaders who were in the streets in the '60s are very powerful today in their work to bring down the Iraq war and to attack our president, and they have found their way into our schools. William Ayers is a good example of that.

Thank God, today, we have a strong generation of young soldiers who know exactly who they are and what they must do to protect our freedom and our democracy. And we have the leadership of Gen. David Petraeus, who has brought hope and stability to Iraq and prevented the terrorists from establishing a base in that country. Our soldiers are lifting us to an example of patriotism at a time when we've almost forgotten who we are and what is at stake.

If Mr. Obama had his way, he would have pulled our troops from Iraq years ago and initiated an unprecedented bloodbath,

turning over that country to the barbarianism of our enemies. With what he has openly stated about his plans for our military, and his lack of understanding about the true nature of our enemies, there's not a cell in my body that can accept the idea that Mr. Obama can keep us safe from the terrorists around the world, and from Iran, which is making great strides toward getting the atomic bomb. And while a misleading portrait of Mr. Obama is being perpetrated by a media controlled by the Democrats, the Obama camp has sent out people to attack the greatness of Sen. John McCain, whose suffering and courage in a Hanoi prison camp is an American legend.

Gen. Wesley Clark, who himself has shame upon him, having been relieved of his command, has done their bidding and become a lying fool in his need to demean a fellow soldier and a true hero.

This is a perilous time, and more than ever, the world needs a united and strong America. If, God forbid, we live to see Mr. Obama president, we will live through a socialist era that America has not seen before, and our country will be weakened in every way.

*Jon Voight is an Academy Award-winning actor who is well-known for his humanitarian work.*

## POOR PLANNING

On February 17, 2009 the United States television broadcasts will officially go to only digital signals. Digital signals and equipment, like Computers, are highly susceptible to Electro-Magnetic Pulses. When we get hit with an EMP bomb or intense EMP from a space anomaly we will immediately be sent back to the early 1900s when AM radio was king.

While liberals chant alternative energy sources are necessary, hydroelectric dams are being dismantled by the thousands. Hydroelectric dams and coal generator plants once provided electrical needs to specific areas. Today power is delivered over highly susceptible power grids.

Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards imposed by the U.S. government on domestic automakers in 1975 joined arms with the EPA's environmental standards. While our automakers were forced to work on fuel economy in conjunction with emission reductions.

If U.S. automakers hoped to compete with imports they needed a strategy. Both management and the automakers' Research and Development (R&D) lacked vision.

The government bailed-out Chrysler Corporation in 1979 with \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees. In 1987 Chrysler bought American Motors (AMC) and eliminated one viable competitor.

Unfortunately elected government officials are not the only participants in poor planning procedures. New housing construction is down 17%; the lowest in 30 years. Once the baby-boomers die off the sustained population in the U. S. will be around 225 million.

As baby-boomers retire and move into condos and assisted living facilities, their old homes will be sold. Eventually there will be too many old homes and too many new homes to keep the "home" in any true investment category. Even glorified duplexes and apartments (condos) will stand empty in less than 20 years. As we stack our personal debt with new cars, credit cards and now homes, like the U.S. investments and debt, ours too is forever.

## A Rose by Any Other Name (A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Totalitarianism) By Melanie Wooten

I have always been fascinated by the fact that we wandered off the reservation of **CONSTITUTION FOR the united STATES of AMERICA** and went to **Constitution of the United States of America**. I knew that the language of the original broadsides was critical to our very existence as a Nation, but I had no idea when or how or why the change was effected. The argument stated in the above link not only provides the key to my contentions but it also sets out the basis of *District of Columbia v Heller* (No. 07-290).

Basically, if the Constitution of the United States (Civil Rights Act of 1871) can trump the CONSTITUTION for the united STATES, we are done for because we have admitted that the federal law passed to establish, define and govern federal property, which originally applied ONLY to the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, et al., can govern us, the citizens of the individual states, in areas outside federal jurisdiction.

The fact that the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has decided to hear arguments on the right of a citizen of a federal territory (*Heller*) to own a gun in a federal territory (District of Columbia) should wave a bright flag of warning to those of us who still believe in the CONSTITUTION for the united STATES of AMERICA. The truth of the matter is that the Second Amendment applies to the people in the states, not federal property, and the decision should be no more than a fart in a tornado. We have been conditioned to believe that laws passed governing federal territories apply to the citizens of states. NOT TRUE! We have GIVEN UP our rights; they did not take them! The truth is that under the CONSTITUTION for the united STATES of AMERICA, I do have the right to keep and bear arms, but carrying a gun in a national park (a federal territory governed by the Constitution of the United States) is not allowed. Case decided; no problem!!

Throughout our history, we have had decisions made that drew the bright line of where federal jurisdiction ended and the states' jurisdictions began. The best-known example is the *Dred Scott v. John F. A. Sandford* decision, where SCOTUS ruled that the law in the state where *Dred Scot* originally lived required that Mr. Scott retain his slave status when he decided to return to that state because under extant state law, he was the property of the owner. Case closed.

Truth be told, the entire case sounds like *Roe v. Wade*, which was a fabricated situation exposed by the original plaintiff as a fraud designed to create a right never defined in the Constitution!

During WWII, there was a Hawaiian case, *Duncan v. Kahanamoku*, 327 U.S. 304 (1946), where a defense worker waiting to enter his work area (on federal land) got into an altercation with another worker and was arrested by the Marines guarding the premises. The case arose when he was moved around the island of Oahu and his rights under habeas corpus were denied him, but because his attorneys could prove that Hawaii was not in imminent danger of invasion, a pre-requisite for suspension of habeas corpus, the military governorship was null and void, so Mr. Duncan had to be released. The decision of the state courts was subsequently overturned on the basis of evidence that the offenses complained of had occurred on federal property. Case closed. Bottom line: if we don't like a law, change the law; don't ask the courts to do the legislature's job!

Like it or not, the post-Roosevelt SCOTUS turned modern America upside down when it said that the federal government could tell the states what they can and cannot do based on something other than the Constitution, which is the only arena over which SCOTUS has jurisdiction. In other words, SCOTUS was permitted to legislate morality, distinctly outside its purview! Since the Constitution had irrevocably and subtly changed in 1871, and before that in 1867, by the 14th Amendment, precedents were established under which we are still reeling.

If SCOTUS rules that DC law under which the *Heller* case was brought trumps the Constitution; specifically, the 2nd Amendment, we have willingly laid bare our necks to the yoke of the federal government and yet another right of the individual states will have been handed over, not taken. The last time I looked, only the 3rd Amendment remains untouched by presidential fiat or federal decisions, and then only because we have not been ordered to feed and quarter federal troops at federal command under our own roofs!

All of these individual skirmishes (gold-fringed flag, gun control on federal lands, establishment of jurisdiction over schools, churches, etc.) are strangely reminiscent of those situations giving rise to the War Between the States. Anyone who has studied our his-

tory understands that this war was fought because the States believed that THEY controlled the federal government. The War of Northern Aggression (look at the map before you screech!) came as a direct result of an individual state (South Carolina) refusing to turn over collected taxes to President Lincoln, who sent gunboats to obtain said taxes. We all know what happened after that.

I do not pretend to know where this will end. I do know that we have fifty states who each came into the union individually under broadly different circumstances, such as Texas and California who were republics before joining/being annexed to the united States; Virginia, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Virginia who were commonwealths; others whose government forms I have forgotten (I am old; cut me some slack!) I also know that "E Pluribus Unum" ("From many, one") stands in grave danger of being totally irrelevant. The State of Montana has refused to comply with federal edict(s) and is threatening to secede; Texas is making similar noises. All states are straining under the burden of non-funded mandates, which are no more than attempts by a federal government to bring the states involved back into line. The dialogue is almost word-for-word that of the Confederate states prior to the bombing of Ft. Sumter, so if other states decide to confront the federal government over what it can and cannot control, I tremble for my Country. My only consolation is that at age 68 I probably will not see the total disintegration of my America.

When we were taught our history, we learned of the "Immortal Trio": John C. Calhoun of South Carolina; Henry Clay of Kentucky; Daniel Webster of Massachusetts, who guided the American ship of state in the turbulent years before the War Between the States. Daniel Webster was a staunch defender of the Constitution, stating: "*We may be tossed upon an ocean where we can see no land -- nor, perhaps, the sun or stars. But there is a chart and a compass for us to study, to consult, and to obey. That chart is the Constitution.*"

Our Constitution was hijacked over 150 years ago and for that length of time, we have been re-arranging the deck chairs on our sinking ship of state while our federal government steers America ever closer to the shoals that would cause her to founder. What is at stake now is will we raise our eyes, and arms, in time to save her?

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~ J. C. Powers, Editor

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Nostalgia:  
Post 9-11 patriotism. The outward display of patriotism sickened the Democrats. Juxtaposed to Vietnam, protests in the 21 Century began in Congress and ended on the streets.

### RECOMMENDED LINKS

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## THIS SIDE UP

You and I know that when all of the baby-boomers finally die-off there will be too few people left to buy all their homes and fill all the new homes and condos being built; the housing bubble is slowly deflating - it won't necessarily be a big pop, but it will dramatically affect the value of homes very soon. Homes are no longer a good long-term investment and long-term financing which gives a tiny tax deduction just isn't worth it. Perhaps illegal aliens will eventually fill those voids in the housing market, but not on a lettuce-picker's salary.

Private land-ownership is also on its way out as the enterprising politicians and their environmentalist friends look for ways of locking us out of the woods. Here in the Upper Peninsula a significant portion of the citizens who resided within a town or small city owned camps and a few owned cottages. Most were at least 40 acres so they had a place to escape to in order to hunt, fish or just chill. They were mostly middle-income.

Large sections of land in the UP had been purchased and is now controlled by many environmental conglomerations and wealthy corporate sympathizers like NewPage Corporation and Naterra Land. Land prices are beyond the affordability of the middle-income.

These trends to high-end properties were the catalyst behind the anti-mining movement in the Big Bay, Michigan area—the people in the real estate in that area are far more interested in keeping land values high so they can line their own pockets; screw the people that need the work. The anti-progress groups were even able to recruit a lawyer from the Wildlife Federation to hang-up Kennecott Mineral's application for as long as possible; costing taxpayers in Michigan millions of dollars to defend the EPA permits and decisions.

The City of Marquette is allowing the building of additional condos in an area called Founder's Landing. No iterated environmental concerns on that one.

If you've ever lived in an apartment and couldn't sleep because the people upstairs sounded like they were moving furniture or the television next door was one decibel below blare, or if you've ever lived in a town where your neighbors were so close you could hear them fart on a quiet summers eve, then you understand the future perils of the human race if there are no escapes.

As the environmentalist claim they are in the business of preserving land for future generations, I would think it far more appropriate for families to own their own chunk of paradise and allow them to preserve their land for their future generations. Preventing the human footprint from violating the land protected for whomever's future generation is not only irresponsible, it is as foolish as using food for energy.

Environmentalism is to ecology as communism is to republicanism. The former fosters contempt and imposes controls; the latter indicates civility.