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**Stop blocking progress**

Why is it that some people have the need to be Lord and master over everyone else? I'm referring to those rich big shots who are trying so hard to deny a poor Indian tribe their legal right to build a casino.

It was bad enough that we left the American Indians destitute after pillaging their land. Yet, these bigwigs with all their wealth and power, who are already set and secure for life, still find it necessary to squash them because God forbid they might make a buck.

Obviously, if these CEO's had done their homework, they would know the positive impact this casino would have. Ask the merchants, hotel and restaurant owners in Mount Pleasant and Manistee. They'll find they couldn't be happier with the extra business from the casino nearby. It could be the same for Grand Rapids, if only the high and mighty were smart enough to let it happen. I would think everybody would realize the bonanza this could be for the city and others.

Another big downer for the tribe is the frivolous lawsuit by the great crusader for MichGo, Mr. Todd Boorsma. Gambling like so many other things can be addictive but is it fair to pick and choose what to eliminate for everyone because a few weak people might get addicted. Why not close all the bars because some might become alcoholics?

There are a lot of people who want this casino. We need those who oppose it to get their heads out of the sand. It would be beneficial to our state, nearby cities and the American Indians. Giving 4,500 people a job wouldn't hurt either.

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