



Some thoughts on...

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I'm bothered by the number of yard signs I see being planted for Todd Boorsma, a candidate for Allegan County's representative in the State Legislature ... The last I noticed, unemployment here was running about 7.2 percent ... That's a lot of misery ... I have this theory that Boorsma, who works for one of the "23 is Enough" crowd in Grand Rapids, may have been moved into Allegan County eight years ago by this anti-casino group to be their front man and lead their war against the Gun Lake tribe and the casino the Indians want to construct ... He's not really a gung-ho Allegan County booster ... In fact, according to voting records, he very seldom even votes in local elections ... He's here to lead protests against the casino and do whatever else "23 is Enough" wants him to do ... I would imagine that includes running for state representative and creating trouble in Lansing for Indian gaming—and keep the door open for changing the laws so Grand Rapids can qualify for a casino of their own ... Having a state rep and a state senator who are already in the pockets of "23 is Enough" has been costly economically ... Our county has missed out on hundreds of construction jobs building the casino, hundreds of jobs for the unemployed who could have been employed there ... Our schools have lost enrollments as families left the county to find work elsewhere, and our small business people saw their revenues decrease as our residents saw their spending power tumble ... Boorsma boasts that he has raised \$26,000 for his election campaign ... I imagine with the purse strings Boorsma is connected to that \$26,000 took about three minutes to collect in Grand Rapids ... There is no doubt Boorsma can raise more funds than any other candidate, but Boorsma the man is a midget compared to every other candidate in the race, all genuine Allegan County people who have a real concern for enhancing our economy ... Allegan County doesn't need another politician being led around with a ring in his or her nose by Kent County millionaires.

