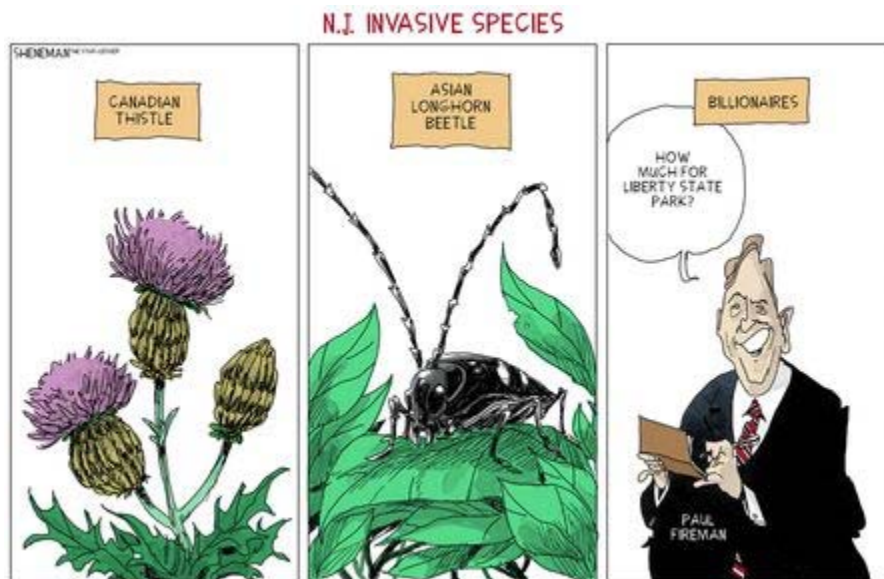


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## Pest control needed

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Billionaires, can't live with them, can't live without them...trying to snatch public land for a golf course.

Reebok CEO and dude with a last name 4-year-olds would love, Paul Fireman, is the latest in a long string of entitled rich folks who gazed upon the beauty of Liberty State Parks wetlands and decided, "That would be a great place for a sand trap!"

Fireman has constructed a very exclusive, very expensive golf club next door to the park and would love it if we commoners would sell him some of our land so he can craft a challenging waterside par 3. Fireman's club charges a cool \$500,000 to join, to which I say, what the actual hell? Half million dollar country club membership fees are a clear sign of the end times and more evidence that billionaires should not be a thing. I'd tell Fireman to take a long walk off a short pier, but there's probably an obnoxiously large yacht there waiting for him.

State Senator Brian Stack and Assemblyman Raj Mukherji have introduced a bill to keep the swarms of sneaker executives and hedge fund bros from trying to develop Caven Point and the rest of the legislature should get on board. Liberty State park gets approximately 5 million visitors a year while Caven Point is a regional sanctuary for migratory birds and a valuable environmental education resource used by children across the state. Keep it that way and tell Fireman to keep his balls to himself.