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Dear Bryan,

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If I were in your place I would frequently have as my guest such knowledgeable people as George Anthan of the Register of Des Moines. He is their agriculture correspondent from there in D.C. But also Dan Morgan of the Post, who wrote the book Merchants of Grain, would be a great guest, or does the book always have to be a new one. Are you aware that 80% of our grain trade is in the hands of six multinational companies, who are perfectly capable of controlling world grain trade through their computers. But of course they are so honest they would never do that would they?

Also, Bryan, did you hear the report last year that 60% of deaths from drug overdoses, are among elderly on prescription drugs? If people aren't alarmed enough about that, how about the terrible cost of these drugs, on Medicare and Medicaid, and insurance companies? If government is so interested in protecting people from drug overdoses, why hasn't there been a big government outcry. Can we who are over sixty be blamed for thinking that if this drug war was concern over the people's health, there would be a big war on pharmaceutical companies, doctors, druggists, etc? Larry King is the only one I know of that has had a program on this.

Also, some years ago, government took the farmers out of the retail business, by passing laws concerning processing of foods. Now, some of the biggest companies have repeated problems of various kinds of food contamination, why not put the processing back into the hands of farmers.

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