

# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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NEWS LETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

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JULY-AUGUST, 1998

## Bergland Elected National Chair

Delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention elected David Bergland National Chair on July 4 in Washington, DC. Bergland defeated Gene Cisewski 350-241 on the first ballot.

Bergland won the election on his promise to retain the current staff including outgoing Chair Steve Dasbach, a commitment Cisewski would not make. Indeed, Cisewski, who lost to Dasbach in 1996 when he evaded the issue, made the same mistake during a debate with Bergland on July 3. Bergland, who had not done well in delivering the By-laws report on the proposal to create a new paid position, Chief Executive Officer, was rescued by Gene's evasiveness and a dynamic nominating speech by Harry Browne. The CEO proposal was shot down on the floor, but was unnecessary because the Chair already has the power to hire someone and give him a title, and Dasbach was the choice of most of the delegates for the job.

Hugh Butler moved up to Vice Chair from Treasurer on a voice vote. Mark Tuniewicz, recently moved from Michigan, was elected Treasurer, also without opposition.

The Secretary race went to the third ballot. Steve Givot of Illinois, unpopular with many delegates for leading the fight for a softer-toned platform, ran into tough competition from Carol Moore, author of The

Davidian Massacre, and Ben Bachrach of Michigan. The first ballot resulted in Givot, 186, Moore 156 and Bachrach 76 with 11 scattered votes. That eliminated Ben, but Givot got just 49.76 % of the total on the second ballot with 209 votes to 182 for Moore and 27 for None of the Above including 8 from Michigan and 10 scattered. On the third ballot, Givot beat NOTA 192-118, hardly a vote of confidence.

The five At-large positions on the National Committee were won by James Lark 277, former Michigan activist Mary Ruwart 265, Bill Hall of Michigan 221, John Buttrick 191, and Mike Dixon 170, over Don Gallick 148, Gary Johnson 109 and Mike Hihn 97. Ken Bisson was re-elected District 3 Representative (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and now, West Virginia.)

The Judicial Committee was elected without opposition, including Dean Ahmad, Bruce Baechler, Steve Dillon, Len Flynn, Bruce LaGoss, Eric Lund and LP founder David Nolan.

The big winner was Harry Browne, getting the party leadership he wanted and making it more likely that he will run for the nomination for President in 2000. It was a different Harry Browne who nominated Bergland, stern, dynamic, demanding.

One major By-law change essentially caps the size of the National Convention at 1500 delegates in order to fit most convention sites. Instead of one delegate for

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## What a Convention!

By Keith Edwards

The National Convention of the Libertarian Party on July 2-5 in Washington, DC, featured workshops, entertainment, and inspiring speeches which added up to perhaps the best convention yet.

Workshops on grass roots campaigning, state chair leadership, communication, newsletter production, campus organizing, mastering the media, winning local elections, and using campaigns to build the Libertarian Party were all well attended and informative. We are experienced enough that we have experts in the party who have learned by experience and they are good at passing along what they have learned.

Entertainment included comedian Tim Slagle who added to his normal funny routine some comments on flag burning and shows what happens to the flag when the Bill of Rights is burned. The Capital Steps left the delegates in stitches with their songs, parody and jokes. On the serious side, was a showing of Waco, the Rules of Engagement with a Q and A with Dan and Amy Gifford, the producers.

The speeches were, as a group, the best of any Convention yet, starting with Michael Cloud's keynote address, "The Libertarian Party: The Unreasonable Alternative" (NO, fellow objectivists, he was not urging us to be irrational.) Michael used the metaphor of the person who is viewed as unreasonable by others in attempting to do the impossible while succeeding. Sort of like the Dean in The Fountainhead who thought Roark was unreasonable to want to be an architect. He pointed out that Edison did not set out to improve the candle as a lesson to those in politics who think we can only improve the system, not change it. His delivery was funny and right on. Maybe his best speech.

Jacob Hornberger fired us up with his talk, "Open Minds on Open Borders. Roy Innis of Congress of Racial Equality was less polished, but solid down to earth, saying that we can expect to see more black libertarians and making a near promise to run for mayor of New York on the Libertarian ticket! "Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do" author Peter McWilliams spoke on medical marijuana.

Other speakers included David Nolan on "Understanding the Coming Paradigm Shift", Atlanta talk show host Neal Boortz, David Boaz of Cato, Fred Collins, Berkley, MI, City Councilman, Jon Coon and Jo Jorgensen.

Shelley Davis, ex-IPS Historian and author of "Unbridled Power," spoke on why the IRS gets away with it. First, we let them get away with it, accepting the IRS claim of a \$195 billion tax gap. "They made these numbers up." Second, we're afraid of them, but why? It's our government, not theirs. Third, "IRS has shredded its paper trail." There are NO records there, which she discovered as its Historian. Fourth, people have accepted withholding tax and expect the annual refund, and rely on it.

One of my two favorite speeches was by our own Barbara Goushaw, titled, "Handguns are a Girl's Best Friend. Barb added a somber note of personal history to an otherwise funny and upbeat speech. It was a combination of excellent material with a sparkling delivery.

The other was by Charles Murray on "The Eroding Legitimacy of the National Government." He talked about the decline of the rule of law and constitutionality since 1964, that moral movement is not done through the Constitution. There is a "principled disgust" arising from government action and a geometric expansion of laws creating felons and a declining respect for law. There is contempt of the growing incompetence of government. Constitutional limits on government are now enforced only where fashionable. Peace and prosperity are covering up the effect, but a downturn could "fool the suckers" to seek the "Man on horseback", such as Perot on 1992.

Our assets are technology and affluence which can yield change both without government and despite it.

Murray thinks we should make common cause with others where appropriate, speak openly of family and community and especially about virtue on a personal basis. The comment about virtue brought thunderous applause from the audience and a few tears as well. In the Q&A, Murray said that response touched him deeply, almost as if it was a surprise. Perhaps we libertarians talk too much about economics and not enough about morality. All the speeches will be available shortly from National HQ. Get 'em all.

## **Symbol for Integrity: AuH2O**

By Keith Edwards

Retired U.S. Senator Barry M. Goldwater Died May 29, 1998, at his home in Paradise Valley, Arizona, at the age of 89. Politically, Goldwater was a Republican. He was called the father of the modern conservative movement. Actually, he was a libertarian.

Goldwater grew up in a pioneer, Democrat family. His Uncle Morris was a founder of that party in Arizona. His father died young and Barry ran the family department store in Phoenix, guiding it through some tough years. He served as an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II, flying the "Hump" in the Himalayas. After the war, he led the move to de-segregate the Arizona National Guard.

In 1949, he won a seat on the Phoenix City Council and, according to biographer Lee Edwards, fought for property owners against zoning laws. Edwards told the 1996 Libertarian National Convention that Barry was really a libertarian. In 1950, Barry ran Howard Pyle's winning campaign for Governor, creating a real two-party system in the state.

In 1952, Goldwater won a U.S. Senate Seat as an underdog against Senate Majority Leader Ernest McFarland and established himself as a free enterprise, socially tolerant, anti-communist advocate of a strong national defense. When another Senator tried to kill funding for a fighter plane, saying it was ineffective at a certain altitude, Goldwater won the debate by saying it was effective because he had flown it at that altitude.

Goldwater's 1964 losing race for President was a winner in some respects. He ran on principle and attracted a lot of idealistic young people to his campaign, including many of those who became founders of and activists in the Libertarian Party. I was an Arizona resident in 1945-46 and, familiar with the Goldwater name, followed his career early on. By the late 1950's, he was my political hero. Like the others, I became an active Republican in 1964 because of Barry and left the GOP in 1971 because of Richard Nixon.

Barry Goldwater was what every politician should be: Rational, principled, honest, friendly, but tough.

Above all, he had integrity. He was not always right, but he was rarely wrong. And he did not compromise his principles.

Just as it is hard to imagine the Libertarian Party without the philosophical influence of Ayn Rand, it is hard to see where our founding activists would have come from without Barry Goldwater. He was my political hero, and I miss him already.

### **Jim Pietrangelo**

Longtime Michigan Libertarian activist Jim Pietrangelo died on Monday, June 15, at his home in Warren of a massive heart attack. He was 60.

Pietrangelo, a retired tool and die maker, was the owner of American Advertising Specialties. He is survived by his wife, Laurel and two sons. She will carry on the business.

Jim was a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan and Libertarians of Macomb County as well as being an activist with Justice Pro Se and Brass Roots. He was a candidate for State Representative in District 29 at the time of his death.

Jim was always a hard-working, no-nonsense kind of activist, more interested in getting the job done than in who gets the credit. We will miss him a lot and give our best wishes to Laurel and the family.

### **Bruce Evoy**

Bruce Evoy, a Director of the International Society for Individual Liberty, died July 8 in Toronto at age 75.

Evoy founded the Libertarian Party of Canada on July 7, 1973, and the Ontario Libertarian Party in 1974. He was best known for his costumed portrayal of patriots and founding fathers such as Patrick Henry delivering the "liberty or death" speech, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson reciting the Declaration of Independence.

Let their dedication to liberty inspire us.

## LP Brochures Available To Candidates

By Mark Heil

The LPM Membership Committee purchased a large but limited quantity of the brochure, "Is This The New Political Party You've Been Looking For?" To help utilize the various election campaigns to increase awareness of, and membership in, the Libertarian Party, we would like to distribute these brochures to active candidates or affiliates engaging in outreach activities.

If you are a candidate or volunteer that is doing door to door work, making public speeches or working polling places, we'd like you to have some of these brochures to use. The brochure is a great brief introduction to the Libertarian Party's political views and philosophy. It also has the national address and a membership form so people can get more information. In addition to that, there is a space where the candidate can personalize the brochure with his own stamp.

Of course, a candidate's first task is to get his or her own campaign literature into the hands of the voter. This brochure can be used as a supplement when a person shows some interest in the LP and may want to know more. This will give you something to offer them in these cases. It's also a good piece to set out on an information table you set up at an event.

If you are interested, call Mark Heil at 810-468-0509 or e-mail to [markheil@flash.net](mailto:markheil@flash.net). The brochures come in packs of 200. Let me know how many you think you may use and we'll get them to you.

Please pass this information on to any candidate or committee you know of that may not have received this newsletter.

## Northeast Michigan Group To Form

Rich Binkley of Alpena would like to get a LPM group started in the northeast lower peninsula. If you are interested in joining, call him at 517-379-4219 or write him at 106 Thunder Bay, #219, Alpena, MI 48707. This group would include Alpena and surrounding counties.

## LPM Memberships Jump

By Mark Heil

Membership in the Libertarian Party of Michigan continues to grow. Based on data received from the national office, the LPM had 1,363 national members as of July 1, along with 32 non-resident members. The total of 1,395 is up from 1,323 on June 1, and 1,272 on April 1. Total members plus donors is 1,511, up from 1,415 on June 1. The annualized growth rate is now 33.2%.

The LPM is in a dogfight for third place with Florida and Texas, and is not far behind second place Pennsylvania. All are moving up quickly which is a good sign.

## Party Portrait

By Stacy Van Oast

Keith Edwards attended the founding of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in 1972 and wrote the first by-laws. He has served as State Chair, newsletter editor and an active and educational candidate. He speaks about libertarianism on radio shows, in newspaper articles and letters and to school groups, where he is well received by middle and high school children, college students and instructor alike.

Whether someone has a political question or a procedures question, his thoughtful opinions are always sought out.

His logic and kind nature have been an inspiration to me, and others too. He is a rock – solidly libertarian, and always there for us.

## No Group In Your Area? Start One!

If you would like to start an LPM affiliate group in your area, call Stacy Van Oast at 810-784-8783 or e-mail her at [stacyvo@eesc.com](mailto:stacyvo@eesc.com). She can provide you with advice the information and help you need to get started and would love to hear from you.

## Candidates' Corner

By Keith Edwards

One of the things that can really intimidate a novice political candidate is to prepare a great stump speech and then get mousetrapped by a question he /she is unprepared for. It's tough enough to pick the issues you think are important without getting caught off base by someone in the audience (or, worse yet, the news media.)

There is a good article in the July issue of the Wayne County Libertarian entitled, "Local Issues: Key To Effective Campaigning." It recommends that "candidates should identify three issues within their constituency that can be used to rally voters. Why focus on only three issues? While it may seem necessary for a candidate to possess a wealth of knowledge about all of the relevant issues, this is simply not possible." Harry Browne is cited as an authority for this "rule of three". The article then recommends you develop expertise in the three areas and base your campaign on them. So far, so good.

"Finally, when a candidate is asked about something other than one of his key issues, it is important that he re-direct his answer to reference one of his three key issues" via use of a segue (a neat, seemingly logical transition to another subject.) The best of the three suggested segues is "That issue continues to be of concern among a great many voters, but we must address . . . first."

Here, I depart. There are few more aggravating things a political candidate can do than to avoid the issue. First, it is condescending to the voter or media person to say, in effect, your question is trivial and I'm going to answer something else. Second, it makes the candidate sound slippery, sneaky, just like your average Republican. Third, it makes you look stupid. The questioner thinks, "Oh, you don't know the answer so you're changing the subject."

There are times when the segue will work IF you can make a direct cause and effect connection between the question and one of your basic issues. But, if they ask about abortion and your three issues are taxes, roads and education, good luck finding a segue for that!

Sorry, candidates, there is no quick fix. Yes, you can

base your campaign on a limited number of issues, three to five, I'd say, but even if you run only a paper campaign, you will get questions on other issues, including some you haven't heard before. Some media people try to look good by stumping you.

So why don't you know the answer to the surprise query? Well, it may be an obscure issue, or maybe you just did not study enough. Either way, it means that you don't have a strong enough basic philosophy.

So, you've got to study all of the probable issues in your campaign, but better yet, commit yourself to a clear, consistent set of principles that will, with practice, give you the ability to quickly move mentally from the question to the principle involved and then apply the principle to derive an answer to the question. It takes practice and one of the things our candidate training seminars need to do is to help candidates develop this skill.

So, beware the sloppy segue. Be prepared, answer the question as briefly as you can gracefully, and move back to your main point. Treat the questioner with respect and it will be returned. She may well cast her vote for the candidate who is the most honest and respectful. Is that you?



District 66 State House candidate Teresa Pollok



# Affiliate Report

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## LP OF WASHTENAW CO. HAS BUSY SUMMER

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County has a busy summer. They will have a booth at the annual ANN ARBOR ART FAIR which runs from July 15 - 18.

On July 30, 1998 at 7:30 PM the ANN ARBOR CITY CAUCUS of the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County holds its Nominating Caucus to choose candidates for Ann Arbor Mayor and City Council. Location: Dominick's Rest., 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor Contact: James Hudler Phone: 734 475-9792 Email: aguli@provide.net

Then on August 21, 22, 23, they will have a booth at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, located in Depot Town in Ypsilanti, volunteers are needed to staff the booth. For Information contact Geoff Foster (734 481-3044).

### ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEAN UPS

The Libertarians of Macomb County Adopt-A-Road clean up day will be August 22, 1998 at 10:00 AM. They will be cleaning up an assigned stretch of Metro Parkway, all volunteers are welcome.

Location: Southwest corner of Schoenherr and Metro Parkway in Sterling Heights (bank parking lot).  
Contact: Rosemary Racchi Phone: 810 776-2214

The Libertarian Party of West Michigan I-196 road clean up is on September 26, 1998

Location: I-196 corner of College  
Contact: Erwin Haas Phone: 616 942 7674  
Email: haas@iserv.net

### CANDIDATES INVITED

A notice to all Libertarian Party members, State-Wide candidates, State Party Officers and any other candidate whose district lies entirely or partially within Ingham. You are hereby invited to attend the Ingham County Fair at the Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan's booth.

They will be having an Operation Politically Homeless booth and one of their members, Doug Mills, has donated his authentic Stagecoach for the booth. The fair will be from Friday, July 31, 1998 to Sunday, August 8, from 8 am to 10 PM. If you are interested call Mike Miller at 517-351-0514 to volunteer.

### Campaign Guerilla Tactics

Last minute things to do on the campaign trail, including debate tactics, press interviews, and poll literature.

When: September 12, 1998

Location: TBA, but prob. at the office in Ferndale

Contact: Barbara Goushaw Phone: 248 399-9177

Email: BGoush@aol.com

### LPM Online Newsletter

On March 3rd the Libertarian Party of Michigan began to use a new automated electronic information system that generates a weekly newsletter that is sent by e-mail to hundreds of subscribers across the state. The newsletter, an interactive supplement to regular print newsletters, consists of calendar events and news articles submitted by Libertarian leaders and activists throughout the state.

This online newsletter is a great tool for all Michigan Libertarians to keep well informed on state and local LP activities, meetings and campaigns. Designated administrators from all local and student party affiliates will have access to a world wide web page where they can enter events and news articles about their affiliates activities and campaigns. Each week the system compiles all entered data into a newsletter and e-mails it to all subscribers. If the LPM had your e-mail address on file, you may have already received the first few issues of LPM Online. If not, and you would like to subscribe, visit our website at <http://www.coast.net/~lpm/> and fill out the online subscription form or send an e-mail to markheil@flash.net with your name and e-mail address.

The newsletter is run on the Decentralized Information Gathering and Information Transmission System (DIGITS) developed by Libertarian, Greg Dirasian. Greg started this project while he was an activist in the Indiana LP. After receiving many requests for "passing along" information to other Libertarian via e-mail he decided there was a need for an efficient, automated way of getting important information to other Libertarians via e-mail. During the time Greg implemented his system in Indiana activity increased sharply, at least partly due to his efforts. The LPM Executive Committee purchased the DIGITS system for our activity in Michigan and to improve communication channels within the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

# Liberty Calendar

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**SEPTEMBER 1999**

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9	<b>10 Meetings South Central LP</b> Tom's Grill/Pub 3075 Ann Arbor Jackson, 7:00 PM <b>Livingston Co.</b> Mexican Jones Rest. 675 Grand River Brighton, 6:30 PM	<b>11 Meeting Ottawa Co.</b> China Garden Rest. 133 Washington Grand Haven, 7:30	<b>12 Meetings Macomb Co.</b> Fire Station Res. 31185 Utica Rd Fraser, 6-9PM	<b>13 Washtenaw Co.</b> see Aug 6 <b>Mid-Michigan</b> , Sneekers Rest. 600 Homer, Lansing, 6:30 PM <b>Western MI.</b> Brann's Rest. Grand Rapids, 7:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Meeting Mid-west LP</b> Kountry Kitchen, Cadillac
16	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Meeting Ionia Co. Party</b> Corcoran's Downtown Ionia, 7:30 PM	<b>20 Washtenaw Co. Shiawasee Co.</b> 4000 W. Bennigton Rd. Owosso, Imile W. M-52, 7PM <b>Van Buren Co.</b> C.J's Rest. Bus. I-96/Rte. A2, So. Haven 6:30	<b>Heritage Festival</b>	
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## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN PICNIC

Hosted by LP of Shiawassee County  
August 8, 1998 - 12:01 PM

Shiawassee County style-- Bring your guns (shooting contest) and fishing gear (catch & release).

Hot dogs & Hamburgers for sale, or BYO.  
Location: Looking Glass River Sportsman Club

2 miles south of Laingsburg MI on Woodbury Rd.  
Contact: Ben Steele II Phone: 517 288-5616

## ISIL WORLD CONFERENCE

The International Society for individual Liberty will be holding a World Conference in Berlin, August 23rd - 28th. You can receive more information about the society at <http://www.isil.org>

## CANDIDATE TO SPEAK

On August 10, 1998 at 6:30 PM Teresa Pollok, LP candidate for the 66th district seat in the Michigan House of Representatives will be making a speech at the Business and Professional Women's Group meeting.  
Location: Ramada Inn in Howell.  
Contact: Teresa Pollak Phone: 810 229-0737  
Email: [tpollok@livingonline.com](mailto:tpollok@livingonline.com)

## Western Michigan Moves Meetings

Starting August 13 the LPWM will hold its monthly meeting at Brann's in Grand Rapids. For more information contact Erwin Haas at:  
phone: 616 942 7674  
E-mail: [haas@iserv.net](mailto:haas@iserv.net)

## Affiliate Parties Suspended

The Northwest Michigan and Kalamazoo/Calhoun Libertarian Parties were suspended by the Libertarian Executive Committee at the March meeting due to low activity and attendance.

## HARRY BROWNE COMING TO MICHIGAN

The Tri-City LP (Bay, Midland, Saginaw Cos.) has confirmed that Harry Browne will be speaking at their next meeting, Monday, Aug. 3rd in the Grand Ballroom of the Saginaw Four Points hotel.

Advance tickets are only \$25, and include a fine meal. Perfect opportunity for those who were unable to see his brilliant speech in Washington DC. He'll also spend some time in a Q & A session, and autographing books.

For tickets, send a check for \$25 (or more, if you wish to make a donation)---to the:  
TRI-CITY LIBERTARIAN PARTY  
1084 Raven Dr.  
Bay City, MI 48706

Note: After this meeting, the regular meeting site will move to the Texan Restaurant on Bay Rd. in Saginaw. 7 PM, the 1st Monday of each month.

## Executive Committee Meetings Scheduled

The following is the schedule for LEC meetings.

Sunday, August 9th, at 1pm, at the LPM Picnic

Sunday, October 4th, at 1pm at Tim O'Brien's house

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Sunday, December 5th, (open), at the "Winter Party"

Sunday, February 7th, at 1pm at Tim O'Brien's house

## Foster Runs for Schoolboard

Washtenaw County Libertarian Geoffrey Foster ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Ypsilanti Area School Board. Foster, a former LP of Washtenaw Co. chairman, has previously run for office in the Ypsilanti area. He recieved 116 votes in a poorly attended election on June 8.

## Bergland Elected National Chair

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each 20 members, each state now will need 0.1% of the national membership for each delegate and 0.25% of the total LP vote for President for a delegate, rather than 1%. This passed 265-84.

Cumulative voting was defeated by voice vote.

Other changes in the by-laws were minor in nature.

The platform committee debated softening and shortening the platform via a Steve Givot re-write with mixed results. Twenty-six planks were voted on in committee, but only eleven made it to the convention floor due to time constraints. Most changes were stylistic in nature with little change in effect. An attempt to "neutralize" the abortion plank made it through the committee, but was not acted upon by the convention as time ran out, leaving the old pro-choice wording in effect. Michigan platform representatives Tim O'Brien and Keith Edwards voted to retain the old wording on most planks, but did agree to some improvements in style.

The Michigan delegation voted unanimously for Bergland for Chair. Barbara Goushaw was instrumental in lining up support for him. State Chair Tim O'Brien was Chair of the Michigan Delegation, as provided for in LPM by-laws.

One of the many benefits of attending the National LP Convention is the chance to meet so many fine people from other states, who treated everyone with respect despite their differences on some issues.



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## Media Report

By Keith Edwards

This may sound like a broken record, but Investor's Business Daily tops the news media for favorable references to the libertarian movement once again.

One June 25, IBD carried a front page article by Charles Oliver titled, "Novelist Ayn Rand: How She Became The Most Influential Writer In America." The article briefly reviewed important concepts from her philosophy, some biographical items and comments about Atlas Shrugged and The Fountainhead. It mentions that her books have sold over 20 million copies and will sell 300,000 this year, 16 years after her death.

IBD also carried a June 16 editorial on "The Voracious Federal Beast Exposed," with interesting facts about the inability of the federals to even account for the property it holds, such as the army unit that claims it has 220 more tanks than are shown in the army's records.

Then, there was an article by James Bovard, "You Still Can't Trust The IRS" confirming the lies exposed by Shelley Davis. The IRS "cannot even separate the amount received in income taxes and in Social Security taxes, even though every taxpayer must separate those amounts on his own tax return."

On June 9, The Wall Street Journal wrote about "Freedom Fighters: Antitrust Suits Expand And Libertarians Ask, Who's the Bad Guy?" It talked about how libertarians are defending sometime Democrat Bill Gates, referring to Cato Institute, Friedrich Hayek, and Steve Dasbach in clarifying the real nature of monopolies.

On June 25, the WSJ carried an article by James Bovard, "Truth Is the Casualty as Clinton Takes Aim at Guns." The article reveals the distorted government statistics on guns and gun controls.

This information is getting out to a lot of very important people in business and the growth in the number of such articles is encouraging. It makes our job a bit easier, and is a good research source for you.



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