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Synthetic Foods - Another Human Experiment!

Why We Are Boycotting COP28

By André Leu, International Director at Regeneration International: The ministers from 196 countries, their entourages of staff, UN bureaucrats, and corporate executives will fly into Dubai in private jets and on first-class tickets. They will stay in 5-star hotels, eat in the finest restaurants, and be chauffeured in expensive luxury limousines to and from the talkfest at taxpayers' expense. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be wasted on this extravagant display of corrupt excess. And don't forget their massive greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change.

Like many other not-for-profit organizations, we have spent much money, time, and effort attending these events to stop catastrophic climate change. We were allowed to observe but not participate in the negotiations. We were segregated in an observer's area where we could hold side events to give our messages to a handful of likeminded people, preaching to the converted instead of being able to influence the negotiators.

The polluters have hijacked these international meetings...The COPs have been a total failure as the rate of greenhouse gas emissions continuously increases. The international agreements are worthless as the targets are not being met. The fact that this northern hemisphere summer was the hottest on record says everything about the success of the previous 26 United Nations Climate Change COPs that started from the Rio Summit in 1992. 30 wasted years." Read more: https://orgcns.org/3RVK96Z

You Can Thank the Italian Mafia for Fake Olive Oil

By Shawn Watkins, WSAV:

"On the market, 80% of extra virgin olive oil, EVOO, on American shelves is fake, according to FORBES, containing blends of vegetable, soybean, palm and canola oil...Owning a third of the olive fields in Italy, the mafia imports low-grade olive oil from countries like Greece and Spain, then sells and labels this oil as EVOO. In Italy, there is a specific task force that oversees food production and confiscated 2,000 tons of fake EVOO in 2016."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3RtFSpM

Big Oil's Big Lies Are Catching Up With Them

Cassidy DiPaola writes for Common Dreams:

"For decades, the fossil fuel industry has misled the public about the climate impacts of its products. Internal documents prove companies like Exxon knew since the 1970s that burning oil and gas drives catastrophic global warming. Yet rather than warn society, they denied the science and obstructed climate action at every turn. This corporate deception continues today, but the public is catching on in a big way. New polling from Data for Progress reveals 70% of Americans support making Big Oil pay for the climate damages their products have caused. With climate disasters growing in frequency and severity, people are fed up footing the bill for Big Oil's greed. Such greed should disgust us all. But outrage alone achieves nothing."

Concerning New Findings About "Animal Free" Dairv

John Fagan Ph.D., Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer at Health Research Institute writes:

"The Checkout presents this exclusive new interview with Dr. John Fagan, a leading researcher on food integrity and transparency. Dr. John Fagan is a pioneer in applying biological research techniques to understanding what is in our food. He was an early adopter of GMO testing and has more recently applied mass spectrometry to understand the nutrient density of foods down to the molecular level. His latest research takes aim at the synthetic biology industry, also called "precision fermentation", where biotech companies genetically modify microorganisms to produce analogues to common consumer products, such as milk, honey or vanilla. Dr. Fagan's new research questions what is actually in these products, including dozens of compounds never before consumed by humans, how these products lack critical nutrients found in organic products, and what the FDA has overlooked in allowing them to be sold."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/487cGvH

Common Drug Used by Pork Industry Has Human Cancer Risk

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola:

On November 7, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced it is considering withdrawing approval for the antibiotic carbadox, which is added to pig feed to prevent infections and fatten up the animals, due to cancer concerns. The drug has been banned in the European Union since 1999, and in Canada since 2006. China, Brazil, Australia and the UK have also banned it due to concerns over its cancer risks.

In 2014, the United Nation's Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods determined that there is no safe level of residues of carbadox or its metabolites in food that represents an acceptable risk to consumers.

Carbadox has been shown to cause liver cancer and birth defects in lab animals, and have long-lasting impacts on the gut microbiome of swine, even after the drug is withdrawn."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/4athInX

Groundbreaking Research Suggests That We Might Be Heading Towards 14 'Evolutionary Dead Ends.'

By Steven Liang, Knowridge:

"The researchers have identified 14 such traps, with 12 already at an advanced stage. These include the over-simplification of agriculture, the pursuit of economic growth without environmental or human benefits, and the instability of global cooperation. Read more: https://orgcns.org/3TlpBzQ

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