

# THE HUTCHINSON NEWS

**LETTERS | Opinion** *This piece expresses the views of its author(s), separate from those of this publication.*

## Letters to the editor

Springfield News-Leader

Nov. 21, 2022, 2:19 p.m. CT

### Switch to plant-based meat a monumental change

Dear Editor, In a landmark ruling destined to save billions of animal and human lives, the Food and Drug Administration has ruled Wednesday that meat cultivated from animal cells is safe to eat. The ruling was granted to Upside Foods, funded by Bill Gates and Richard Branson, but also by meat industry giants Cargill and Tyson Foods. In the past decade, the cultivated-meat industry has grown to more than 150 companies on six continents, backed by \$2.6 billion in investments. They all grow meat from animal cells in clean manufacturing plants, rather than in cruel filthy factory farms. An estimated 70 billion animals are macerated or suffocated at birth or raised in tiny cages each year to produce today's animal meat and dairy offerings. Consumption of these products has been linked conclusively with elevated incidence of killer diseases. Production of animal-based foods pollutes our waterways and groundwater supplies, destroys wildlife habitats, and accounts for 20 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. The forthcoming massive switch from animal agriculture to plant-based and cultivated meat and dairy products offers a truly monumental change in kindness to animals, human health, environmental pollution, and global warming. Sincerely, Kyle Lenk, Hutchinson

### Biden and fentanyl

Joe Biden, the precipitous increase in fentanyl deaths, China and the open border? What do they have in common? You can't have one without the other!

To be fair, fentanyl was a problem before the Biden presidency, but the negligent, and, some would say, criminal administration policies have turned a problem into an existential crisis.

**Need a news break?** Check out the all new PLAY hub with puzzles, games and more!

At what point do American citizens have a right and a constitutional duty to defend themselves and their children against the kinetic maleficence of a regime that demonstrably seems to be acting against their best interests, and indeed their very survival?

Gregory Bontrager, Hutchinson