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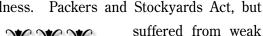
BY MIKE CALLICRATE

economic power.

Funeral services will be held Auheel of concentrated and abusive gust 9th, 2013, in Kansas City, MO.

It is with deepest regrets we announce that the market, age 92, passed away after a long illness.

This was a terrible loss to livelihoods, rural communities and consumer choice. Survivors include a few farmers and ranchers, once symbols of free enterprise and economic freedom, who are now



'It is with deepest that the market,



regrets we announce age 92, passed away after a long illness.'

sharecroppers and serfs under the try to potatoes, cauliflower to buck-

The market was reborn in 1921

suffered from weak

enforcement almost

from the beginning.

The last 30 years of

no-rules-biggest-

cheater-wins left us

with only the illusion

of a marketplace. Ev-

erything from poul-

with passage of the anti-monopoly

of a few multinational corporations. Wealth has never been so concentrated in the hands of so few. Markets today are a fantasy - like drinking from an empty cup at a child's

tea party - purely pretend.

et-calves is now under the control

Anyone familiar with the days of the robber barons and the meat packing Jungle knew the end was near for competitive markets as they watched history repeat itself: "They were a gigantic combination of capital, which had crushed all opposition, and overthrown the

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Grant City Times Tribune Smithfield

BY RICHARD OSWALD

No doubt about it.
We gave it to them.
China has the money.

That was the case a few years back when a Chinese company led Moberly, MO tax payers astray by running off with a \$39 million city bond passed to build an artificial sweetener factory. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/26/business/moberly-mo-backed-a-failed-project-then-refused-to-pay. html?_r=0

Now another Chinese corporation wants to buy Smithfield

Foods for \$4.7 billion.

The stakes just got higher, and so might the fall out.

You have to wonder what happened in the months leading up to the deal, when the Missouri General Assembly made Smithfield subsidiaries in Missouri permanent nuisances, limiting accountability and liability in

one neatly wrapped legislative package. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/the-platform/editorial-factory-farm-protection-act-degrades-missouri-s-constitution/article_a247e52a-1ee0-57f4-becf-6163fa259bfb.html

It's very possible Smithfield talks with the Chinese company Shuangui Limited were underway then.

Was that legislation a key component to finalizing Smithfields sale?

Now Smithfield as Shuan-

gui Limited could grow pork production in Missouri by 20 polluting percent without facing any serious liability penalties at all.

China has been responsible for shipping to US consumers cancer causing chemicals in dry wall, baby formula, and pet food.

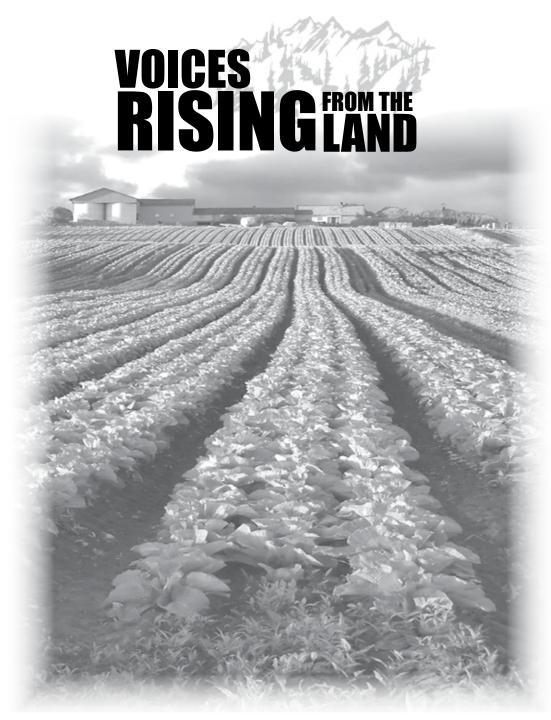
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convention highlights ...

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Residence Inn, Kansas City International Airport, MO AUGUST 9-10, 2013

FOODOPOLY - Break-up the food monopoly

 Wenonah Hauter, Founder of Good & Water Watch, author of Foodopoly

THE MARKETS ARE DEAD

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- Ag Economics and Public Policy in the College of Agriculture at Auburn University.

FOOD DEMOCRACY NOW

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- Joe Maxwell, VP, Outreach and Engagement, HSUS
- Matt Penzer, Special Counsel, HSUS

NEW FOOD SYSTEM - NEW MARKETS

- Sustaining our Interdependent Livelihoods (SOIL)
 Mike Callicrate
- Why won't the Peoples' Universities engage in meaningful discussion of alternative food systems?
 Robert Taylor
- Predator Control Diana Moss

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laws of the land, and was preying upon the people." Sinclair continued: "They own not merely the labor of society, they have bought the governments; and everywhere they use their raped and stolen power to entrench themselves in their privileges, to dig wider and deeper the channels through which the river of profits flows to them!"

More than 35 years ago, the market for poultry was stolen by vertical integration—unfair and abusive contracts forced farmers out of business or into debtor serfdom. Hog farmers saw their way of life

slaughtered along with their pigs in 1998 when the big pork machine drove hog prices to eight cents per pound. Hog farmers either quit or went to work as low-paid labor in inhumane and environmentally destructive hog factories. Last to go, the cattle market was dealt a near fatal blow when the 2006 corporately controlled Supreme Court refused to hear the cattlemen's case for fair markets. A flicker of hope returned during the 2010 antitrust hearings, but the big packers managed to gut the new rules of any intent to restore competition, ending all hope of a market revival.

We should have known something so essential to the lives and welfare of the masses shouldn't be controlled by a handful of lawless companies cooperating to maximize their profit. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis warned in1941, "We can have democracy in this country, or we can have great concentrated wealth in the hands of a few. But we cannot have both."

Please join us on August 9th in Kansas City for the Organization for Competitive Markets annual meeting. We will spend a little time discussing what brought the market to its untimely end and then begin developing plans for the birth of a new marketplace that serves all of society, not just a few. MC



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Will pork be different? Maybe. That's because our made in America pork will be going the opposite direction to newly affluent consumers in China.

The pro-China legislative package got even bigger this year when the Missouri General Assembly stepped up to approve foreign ownership of Missouri farmland. At first limited to one half percent, then upped to one percent, its an arbitrary number that could easily move higher along with foreign temptation to own Missouri.

Sentiment in Jefferson City seems to be if they want it, why not let them have it?

State Representative Casey Guernsey was quoted as saying he was only trying to make the law clearer by requiring state approval of foreign purchases. We have foreign ownership already. They've been skirting the law for years.

So why not make it legal?

Does it never occur to anyone simply to enforce the laws we have?

It's become easy to predict Missouri legislative support of industrial agriculture. As an editorial in the St Louis Post Dispatch pointed out, public disclosure of Chinas intentions wouldn't have changed the outcome of Missouri legislation. But it would have been interesting to see locally elected lawmakers struggle to justify a Missouri alliance with Communist China....especially while Chinese internet hackers on the mainland attack and steal virtually every US military and industrial secret they can find.

Federal officials have already said this will not affect national security. It's only food after all. And Smithfield management hasn't impressed investors. The buyout is popular with them.

(Top five golden parachuted executives get to keep their 7 figure jobs by the way–for the time being) http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/smithfield-foods-execs-to-pocket-more-than-m-from-chinese/article_86328fead88a-56c7-95b2-dd288c9a69ff. html

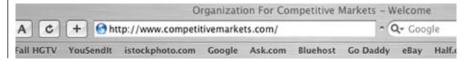
Smithfields acquisition gives a major Chinese corporation unfettered access to assets they would likely be unable to duplicate here, including an east coast port capable of importing significant supplies of oil seeds and feed grain from South America. Those supplies would be in direct competition with Missouri corn and soybeans for what we once thought of as a captive domestic livestock market. http:// www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/the-platform/ editorial-with-pork-deal-northern-missouri-could-become-a-province/article_7bf6beca-115d-57ea-b6d3-3ecdaf83c8d2. html

Are Chinese owned hogs in Missouri still considered domestic?

Maybe it's only business. http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-06-07/opinion/ct-ed-it-chinapork-20130607_1_smith-field-foods-u-s-food-chain-animal-feed But still, it would be nice to see the General Assembly rise up in defense of Missouri's smaller family farms.

Unfortunately, we don't have the money. $^{\text{RO}}$

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