Is It Safe To Play Yet ?





Going to Extreme Lengths to Purge Household Toxins

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- Environmental-terrorists assume that chemicals cause cancer unless you can prove that they don't.
- Kids are going to spend a life-time being exposed to chemicals — auto exhaust, chlorine, perfume, smoke, soot, soap — they will be fine — parents should just calm down.
- Over the last several years, the level of FEAR, MIS–INFORMATION, and MEDIA HYPE surrounding the use of SAFE CHEMICALS in every–day household products has swelled to a level which must be addressed in detail before this situation gets even further out of hand.
- It is NOT POSSIBLE to prove that a chemical does not cause cancer.

- Obsessing over every item in the home that isn't «
 natural » or contains compounds too difficult to pronounce is a waste of time and energy.
- PSEUDO-SCIENCE and FEAR OF PERCEIVED ENVI-RONMENTAL RISKS among the public has led to CHEMO-PHOBIA.
- Studies may note that chemicals have been detected in people's bodies, and yet, they FAIL TO IDENTIFY ANY DEFINITIVE ILL EFFECTS.
- The groups with a vested interest in keeping you afraid are NOT A CREDIBLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION.
- The notion that we are constantly are being bathed in toxins, and that all accumulate in our bodies and do some kind of harm is FARCICAL.
- The reason that miniscule amounts of chemicals can be measured in our bodies is due to BETTER ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES — not a wholesale poisoning of the public.
- There are certainly real risks in the home, and these should be taken seriously cleaning products, electrical plugs, medications, and stairs.
- When parents become OBSESSED WITH THE MINUTE RISKS, they often dismiss the REAL ONES.

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Do They Make Hazmat Onesies?

« Is It Safe to Play Yet? » asks a New York Times feature on the increasing PARANOIA of a certain demographic of parents when it comes to the PER-CEIVED THREAT of « household toxins ».

A photo image of a toddler in a TINY HAZMAT SUIT illustrates numerous anecdotes of concerned mothers and fathers, who all but dismantle their homes in an effort to purge the nursery and beyond of anything remotely chemical.

The NOTORIOUSLY ALARMIST Environmental Working Group is mentioned throughout the New York Times feature.

The feature itself is exhausting, suggesting the all-consuming vigilance that a growing number of parents experience.

But of course, eliminating all « chemicals » is a task doomed to failure.

The SCARE PIECE's catalogue of toxic substance data-bases and suspect products VERGES ON THE ABSURD.

And, in between long paragraphs of reporting from the CULTURE OF TOXIC SCARES, Times writer Michael Tortorello is not unaware of this absurdity —

So the world is a toxic cesspool and it's poisoning our children.

What to do about it?

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Do They Make Hazmat Onesies? (continued)

Tortorello then launches into the recommended ARSENAL OF TOXIC SCARE RESOURCES, which, he acknowledges, could lead you to « scrutinizing Japanese lab studies on prenatal rats ».

As Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan observes —

When parents become OBSESSED WITH THESE MINUTE RISKS, they often dismiss the REAL ONES.

And Dr. Gilbert L. Ross adds —

These are very likely the same parents who aren't vaccinat-

There are certainly real risks in the home, and these should be taken seri-

For instance, covering electrical plugs, installing gates at the top and bottom of stairs, and locking cabinets that contain cleaning products or medications are all important precautions parents should take.

But obsessing over every item in the home that isn't « natural » or contains compounds too difficult to pronounce is a waste of time and energy.

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The Land of the Free, and the Home of the Neurotic

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Many things in life make me crazy.

It doesn't take much, as anyone that knows me will confirm.

So, it is no surprise that the feature article in last week's Times called « *Is It Safe to Play Yet?* » did the job.

But it happened before the end of second sentence.

And that takes something special.

Things certainly have changed since I was a kid.

People had a slightly different idea of the meaning of the word « safe ».

Biking to school (no helmet) through a Superfund toxic waste site with a bottle of Jack Daniels in one hand and boa constrictor wrapped around your neck seemed perfectly fine.

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Who knew?

Perhaps we are much safer now.

But also much less sane.

The Times article first described the efforts made by a pregnant woman to prevent her baby from being exposed to any chemical.

So, she tossed out pretty much everything in the house, including her makeup, shampoo and detergents.

She was even worried that the plastic stickers decorating the nursery were toxic and irritating to the lungs, because they were made out of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Except it's all wrong.

A little fact check ...

Vinyl chloride is a toxic, irritating gas used to make PVC.

I know this.

I got a whiff of it a few times during my career — most unpleasant.

But vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride are NOT EVEN REMOTELY THE SAME, except for the names.

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PVC is a white powder that can be made into all kinds of plastics, including your plumbing, vinyl siding, and a good deal of your car. PVC has been in use since the 1950s.

It is impossible to avoid, which is fine, since it is harmless.

Naturally, the more the woman read, the scarier every label got, leading her to the internet, which, in turn led her to the web site of the Environmental Working Group (EWG) — a very vocal and extremely activist organization, that appears to be against all physical matter on earth.

I don't know what their charter says, but I suspect it looks something like

- 1. Assume that chemicals cause cancer unless you can prove that
- 2. It is NOT POSSIBLE to prove that a chemical doesn't cause cancer.
- 3. See #1.

And this woman is not alone.

People who apparently listen to too many TV celebrities are flocking to sites like healthychild.org, and healthystuff.org, to ensure that their babies are exposed to absolutely nothing that sounds threatening.

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Some of the big no-nos these days are rubber ducks, perfume, plastic and steel (!) utensils, pajamas and frying pans.

Even cribs are now dangerous ...

Untreated, « formaldehyde-free » wood cribs hand-made by the Amish are the latest rage.

Sorry guys, but the amount of formaldehyde coming out of a normal crib, if any, would be so miniscule that it could never be measured.

And even if a smidgen of formaldehyde somehow made it into your body, it is gone in 5 minutes.

Some environmental changes have been real success stories, like removing lead from gasoline.

That was a real risk.

But this notion that we are constantly are being bathed in toxins, and that all accumulate in our bodies and do some kind of harm is FARCICAL.

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My current favorite fad is the obsession with « green » non-toxic detergent made from baking soda and vinegar.

When the two are mixed another chemical is formed called sodium acetate.

Is that dangerous?

No.

But it doesn't clean anything either.

And if you're tempted to make some, consider the experiment below (not recommended):

- 1. Take a half-full bottle of vinegar
- 2. Pour in a bunch of baking soda
- 3. Close bottle and shake thoroughly, making sure you hold it really close to your face
- 4. Retrieve your head from the tree above you ©

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They will be fine.

Just calm down.

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Scared to Death How Chemophobia Threatens Public Health

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The American Council on Science and Health (ACSH) is pleased to announce the release of a new book and companion-friendly, abbreviated position paper, SCARED TO DEATH: HOW CHEMOPHOBIA THREATENS PUB-LIC HEALTH.

The book is authored by Jon Entine, a scholar with the American Enterprise Institute and highly regarded science journalist.

In response to the growing level of CHEMOPHOBIA — the irrational fear of chemicals — among the American public, ACSH compiled this resource book and position to educate legislators, industry, media, consumers and parents on the actual risks of chemical exposure and use in everyday products.

According to Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan, President of American Council on Science and Health —

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Scared to Death How Chemophobia Threatens Public Health (continued)

According to Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan —

PSEUDO-SCIENCE and FEAR OF PERCEIVED ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS among the public has led to what we call CHEMOPHOBIA.

Keeping in mind that exposure does not necessarily equate to risk, activists and some in the media have led Americans to believe that chemicals are not to be trusted in our environment - even those with fifty or more years record of safe use.

This kind of panic can — and historically has — led to PO-TENTIALLY DANGEROUS OUTCOMES and UNINTENDED CONSE-QUENCES.

A perfect example of this over-hyped media misconception is the recent release of Environmental Health Perspectives on pregnant women.

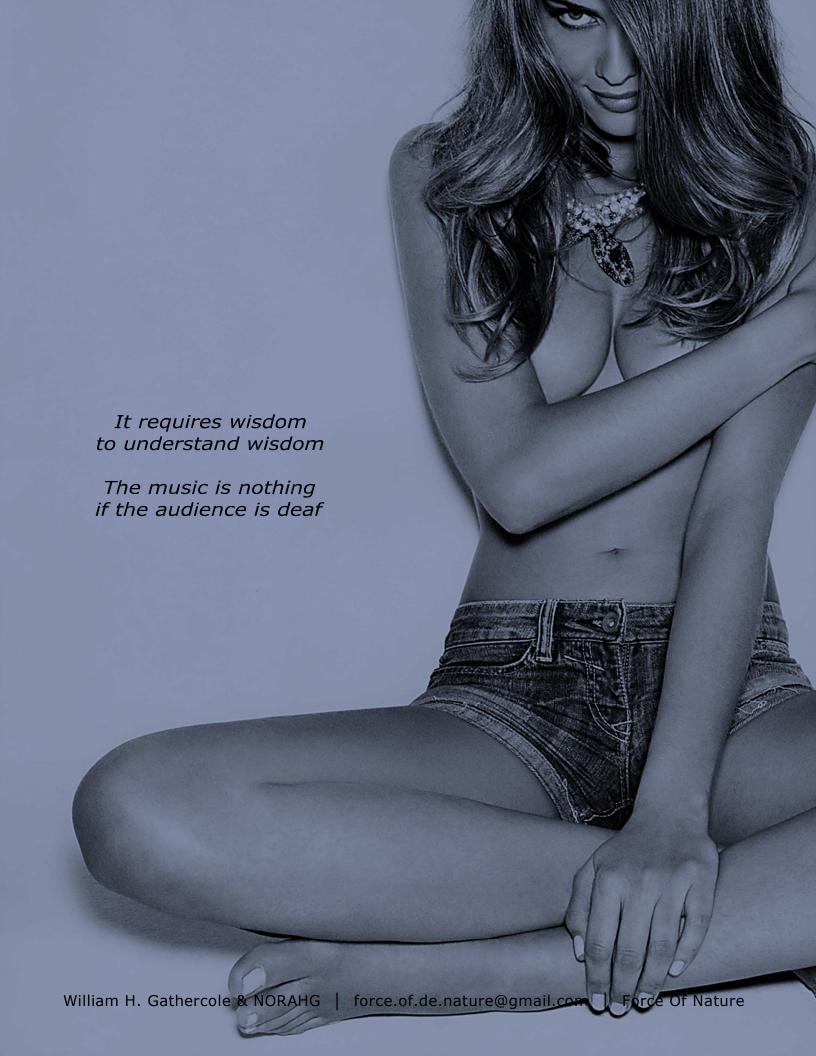
The study merely notes that chemicals have been detected in women's bodies.

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Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION Leads to DISMAL and DANGEROUS GARBAGE DUMP Playing Surfaces for CHILDREN







We are living in the 9|11 Era of Anti Pesticide Terrorism where at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by enviro lunatics.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by FAKE SCIENTISTS, JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOUR — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space industry.

NORAHG morally represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people associated with turf and ornamental plant maintenance who are OPPOSED to Anti Pesticide PROHIBITION and the CLOSURE of green spaces under the RIDICULOUS PRETEXT of somehow « saving » the environment.

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NORAHG is dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS

Anti Pesticide HUJE are enviro lunatics and lawn haters who particularly DESPISE the golf industry — they are Hateful Underhanded Jokes as Environmentalists who have been WRONG FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

There is NO RECOURSE but LITIGATION against Anti Pesticide HUJE.

Another RECOURSE is to SEEK the CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVOCATION of the TAX EXEMPT STATUS of Anti Pesticide Organizations.

HUJE should Get OFF Our grASS, and they should Roast In Hell.

NORAHG manages the Library of Force Of Nature Reports and References, which is a VAST ARCHIVE of REPORTS, MEDIA REFERENCES, AUDIO CLIPS, and VIDEOS on ALL Anti Pesticide Terrorist Acts of Subversion.

The purpose of this ARCHIVE is to provide information that will lead to a SUCCESSFUL LITIGATION AGAINST Anti-Pesticide Organizations.

All names, statements, activities, and affiliations have been ARCHIVED for the intention of eventual CRIMINAL CHARGES.

When CRIMINAL CHARGES for FRAUD and CONSPIRACY are laid, legal experts say that the ARCHIVE is sufficient to lead to a SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION!

NORAHG also produces FORCE OF NATURE, reports that present THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE about environmental issues, including anti pesticide terrorism.

FORCE OF NATURE is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

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