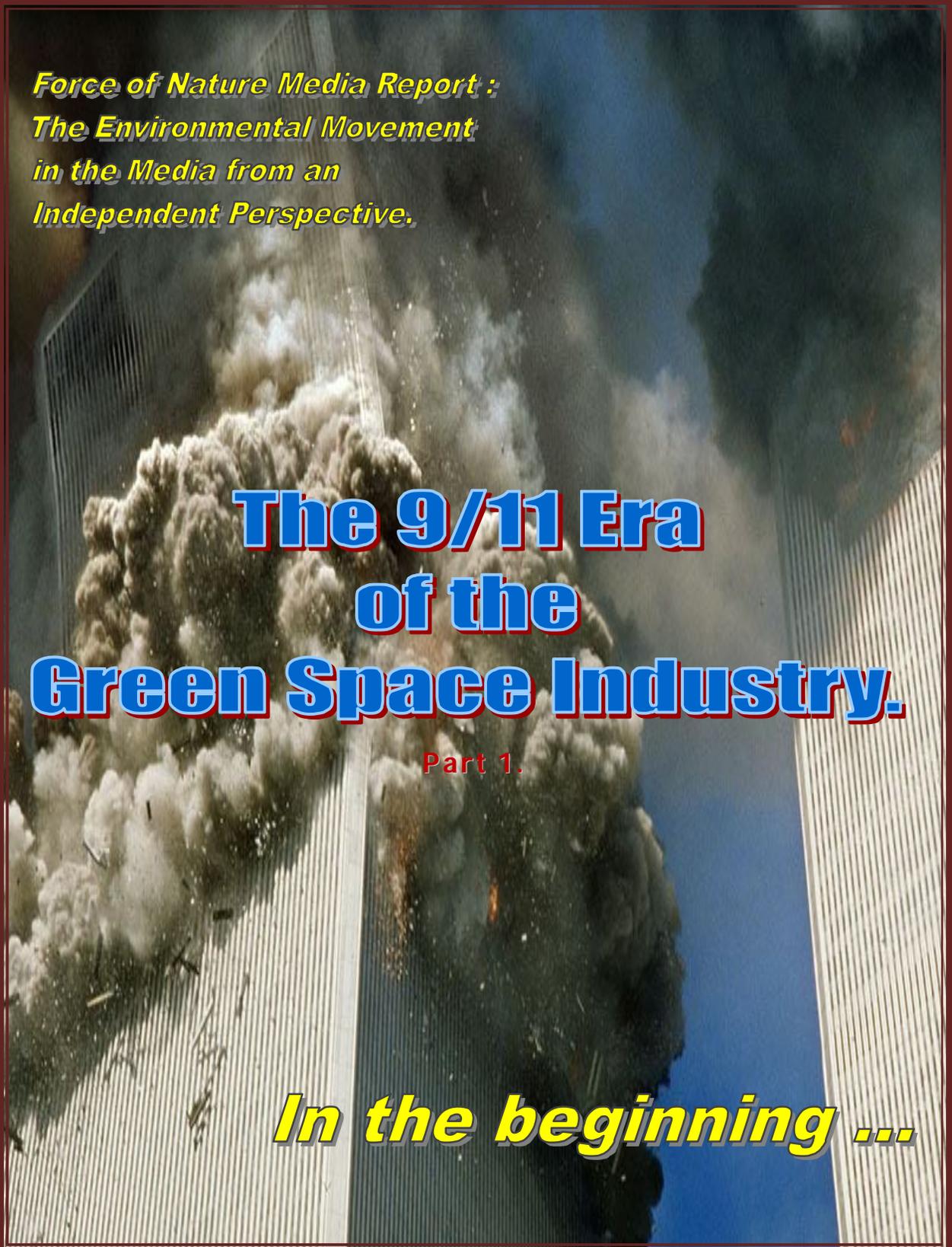


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The Environmental Movement
in the Media from an
Independent Perspective.*



**The 9/11 Era
of the
Green Space Industry.**

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In the beginning ...

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Ontario Joins Quebec in Banning Prejudicially Pest Control Products Across the Province.

June 18th, 2008

The Canadian Press.

Adapted text.

Using kids to promote « *environmental terrorism* ».



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Ontario joined Quebec in banning the sale and cosmetic use of pest control products on June 18th, 2008, but critics say the move will actually weaken existing anti-pesticide rules across the province. (Quebec banned pest control products beginning in 2006, under the leadership of Prime Minister **Jean Charest**.)

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Jean Charest.



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The ban was the last government-backed bill to be rammed through before the legislature adjourned for the summer, passing (by a vote of) 56-17 over the objections of health groups and municipalities.

More than 80 ingredients and 300 pest control products will be prohibited once the ban is fully implemented next spring (in 2009), which supporters say will give Ontario the toughest rules in North America. It's even looking at banning the herbicide 2,4-D, which has nonetheless been deemed safe by Health Canada.

<< All of us, including young children, deserve to be able to walk in the park and enjoy all the gardens, and watch themselves and their parents playing outdoors without worrying about the unnecessary risks of pesticides >> said Ontario Environment Minister **John Gerretsen**.

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John Gerretsen.



Experts, such as the **Ontario College of Family Physicians**, have warned that the long-term effects of exposure to pest control products can be devastating, especially to pregnant women and children.

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The province will only allow pest control products to be used in farming, forestry or for health and safety reasons, such as controlling mosquitoes that can carry diseases like the West Nile virus. Golf courses will also be able to use pest control products, but must meet certain conditions to minimize the effects on the environment. The golf course regulations have not yet been drafted. (... at the time of this press release.)

Agriculture. ... Yes.
Lawn care. ... No.



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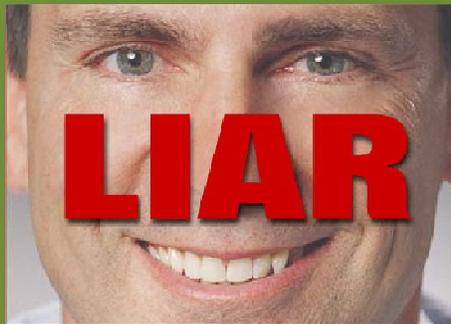
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But unlike Quebec, Ontario municipalities are forbidden from enacting tougher anti-pesticide rules. In announcing the ban in April, Premier **Dalton McGuinty** mistakenly said towns and cities could have stronger by-laws if they wanted to, a move many applauded. Two weeks later, McGuinty admitted he « *SCREWED UP* », but shifted the blame to Environment Minister John Gerretsen, who failed to correct the premier at the time. The government's refusal to amend the legislation has angered some municipalities and health groups.

Dalton McGuinty.



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Toronto is considering taking legal action to challenge the province-wide ban, which doesn't include Roundup, a prohibited pesticide under municipal by-laws. **Erin Shapero**, a councillor in Markham (a Toronto borough), said she'll be talking to lawyers as well.

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Erin Shapero.



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<< The premier got it right when he got it wrong >> according to Shapero. << Deep down in his heart, I know he knows that. And it's just unfortunate that the legislation that passed today doesn't reflect his true wish. >>

The bill drew some support from the **Progressive Conservatives** but was panned by the province's ten **New Democrats**. (Both are opposition parties in the Ontario provincial (state) government.)

*<< When the legislation went to committee, the Liberals voted down amendments that would have allowed municipalities to retain their power to enact tougher rules >> said New Democrat critic **Peter Tabuns**. << As a result, municipalities will be stripped of their ability to protect the health of their residents and may be forced to spend a lot of money and time fighting the province in court >> he said.*

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Peter Tabuns.



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<< This government should not put municipalities through this >> according to Tabuns. << Municipalities are pioneers. They've shown the way forward on smoking, on the environment, and to reduce their powers like this doesn't make any sense. >>

Others who were among a coalition of environmental activists and health professionals that banded together to lobby for a ban on pest control products, withdrew their support.

*<< We [...] applauded what we thought was a step forward to protect people from these poisonous chemicals >> Wendy Fucile, president the **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**, said in a statement. << But today, we see what the province's legislation actually means is that municipalities will be stripped of their tough municipal by-laws to protect people, and the provincial legislation will serve as a ceiling, not as a floor upon which stronger local regulations can build. >>*

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Wendy Fucile.



<< *The governing Liberals just wanted to grab headlines, rather than coming up with a ban that was based on real science* >>
said Progressive Conservative Leader **John Tory**.

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John Tory.



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<< *They've done something that's been motivated more by political science* >> he said. << *I think it's just another attempt to curry a headline and take away from the real issues.* >>

Ontario Premier McGuinty acknowledged that << *a lot of hard work* >> still has to be done in drafting regulations, but pledged to work with municipalities to get it done right.

Commentary from a Independent Perspective.

This story forces us to be reminiscent of what the actor Charlton Heston said in the 1968 film « *PLANET OF THE APES* ». At the end of the film, Heston was understandably upset about the fact that our society had destroyed our world with nuclear weapons — << *You finally really did it ! You maniacs ! You blew it up ! God damn you ! God damn you all to hell !* >>

The « *GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY* » should be just as upset. Right now, the people in the « *GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY* » should feel like saying something similar to the government of Ontario. The « *ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT* » is on the verge of « *BLOWING UP* » this industry.

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Perhaps the « *GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY* » should simply sue the daylights out of the « *GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO* ». ???

This is a fine example of the out-of-control environmentally fanatical « *MANIACS* » disguised as environmentalists, politicians, doctors, and nurses. They promote changes in public policy based upon « *POLITICIZED SCIENCE* », on the pretext of protecting health and environment. Particularly children. They need to be taught a lesson once and for all. Otherwise, someday, these « *MANIACS* » will completely destroy the entire « *GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY* », in both Canada and the United States.

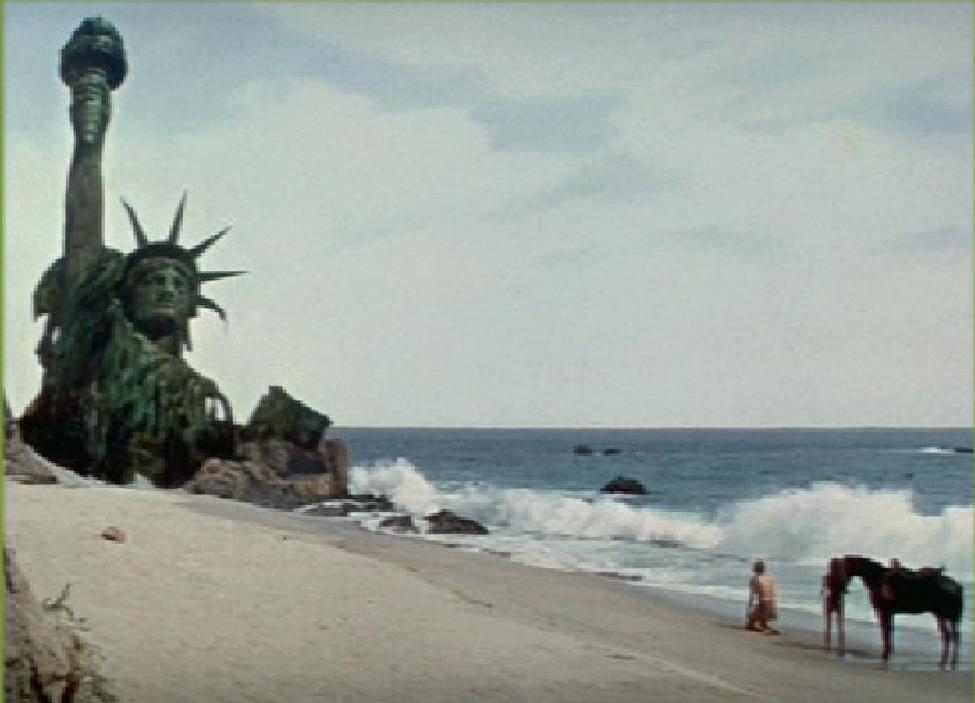
By the way, the « *GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY* » should not feel too smug about its exception status, from either Ontario or Quebec. They will benefit only from a temporary respite. The « *ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT* » knows that the « *GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY* » also uses the hated « *COSMETIC* » pest control products ! **No one should feel safe from these « maniacs » !**

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Charlton Heston and friends.



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Force of Nature is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his entourage. The opinions expressed in these e-newsletters, even though from an independent perspective, may not reflect those of everyone in the Green Space Industry, or Mr. Gathercole's many associates. Be warned! Mr. Gathercole and his team may sometimes be very irreverent and fearless with these e-newsletters.

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