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THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from  
National Organization Responding Against HUIE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)

# Hero

## David Montgomery

### Standing tall against terrorists on his home turf

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One could call him **THE GREAT LAWN DEFENDER**, a man so passionate about keeping a pest-free lawn that he sprays the park across from his house with pesticide on his own dime.

This week, David Montgomery presented his **LAWN-LOVE MANIFESTO** to an Edmonton city by-law committee mulling a city-wide pesticide ban.

The turfgrass consultant ( and licensed pesticide applicator ) spoke with The National Post's Sarah Boesveld from his home in Edmonton.

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## The Great Lawn Defender

Question —

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You've cast yourself as A CHAMPION OF THE TAX-PAYER who'd rather the government just STEP OFF THEIR LAWN.

What was at the heart of your speech on Wednesday ?

Answer —

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I've been in and around the turf and landscape and golf industry since 1996, and I just see a genuine appreciation for landscapes and green spaces.

I don't think anybody has the right to push that aside for no gain.

I'd be all for it — I have two little ones — if there was some iota of a health issue here.

And I do have a scientific background ( a degree in physiology from the University of Western Ontario ).

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Question —

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You asked the committee, « *Since when is it a criminal offence to take pride in your property ?* ».

Do you feel a pesticide ban would infringe upon your rights as a land-owner ?

Answer —

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Yes ... If it's a **LEGAL PRODUCT** that I can buy, and it's been **PROVEN SAFE**, what authority does a specific body have to say, « *No, you can't* » ?

Where does the expertise lie ? It's the worst kind of vote-pandering there is.

It's going to a **VOCAL MINORITY** as opposed to the normal tax-payer, every-day person who works 8½ hours, gets home from work, cuts the lawn, gets rid of a few dandelions — spritz here, spritz there, it's all done.

You got mites in the tomatoes ? — You can go treat them.

Trees can be treated to protect from emerald ash borer.

These people would rather **LOSE** those trees, **LOSE** those tomatoes and have an **UGLY** lawn, I guess.



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Question —

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What about their assertions that pesticides are harmful to a person's health.  
You don't believe them ?

Answer —

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I'm a cancer survivor.

I had testicular cancer eight years ago.

Before the by-law meeting, I went to my doctor and said — « *Would you have ever mentioned that I stay away from pesticides ?* ».

He said — « *No, that would be pretty far down my list* ».

I've yet to see a study that says that, a peer-reviewed study.

If these people have these studies, they should be handing them over to Health Canada.

And they don't seem to for some reason, and that raises my antennae a bit.

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Question —

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You did refer to « *extremists* » during your speech Wednesday.

Who are they ?

Answer —

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It would be a very big victory for people who really just want us to ...

- wear hemp clothing,
- live in a commune,
- ride our bikes to work,
- use solar power.

You've got to find the middle ground.

And I consider myself an environmentalist.

I'm [ involved with ] the Sierra Club.

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## The Great Lawn Defender

Question —

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There are no pesticide bans in Alberta.

Why do you think that is ?

Answer —

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We're very conservative.

We don't like being told what to do, especially when it doesn't have any benefit.

That, and our education system for commercial applicators is second to none.

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Question —

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And what about all the other provinces that have banned pesticides, such as Ontario and Quebec ?

They can't all be wrong, can they?

Answer —

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I don't think it's right to ban [ pesticides ] anywhere.

I think the bans passed because they got worked up into a lather.

I guess the push-back wasn't strong enough from industry, from the homeowner himself.



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## The Great Lawn Defender

Question —

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If this by-law is indeed passed, would you be willing to break it to prove a point ?

Answer —

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I'll call the news stations and say here you go, here's what they're going to put me in jail for.

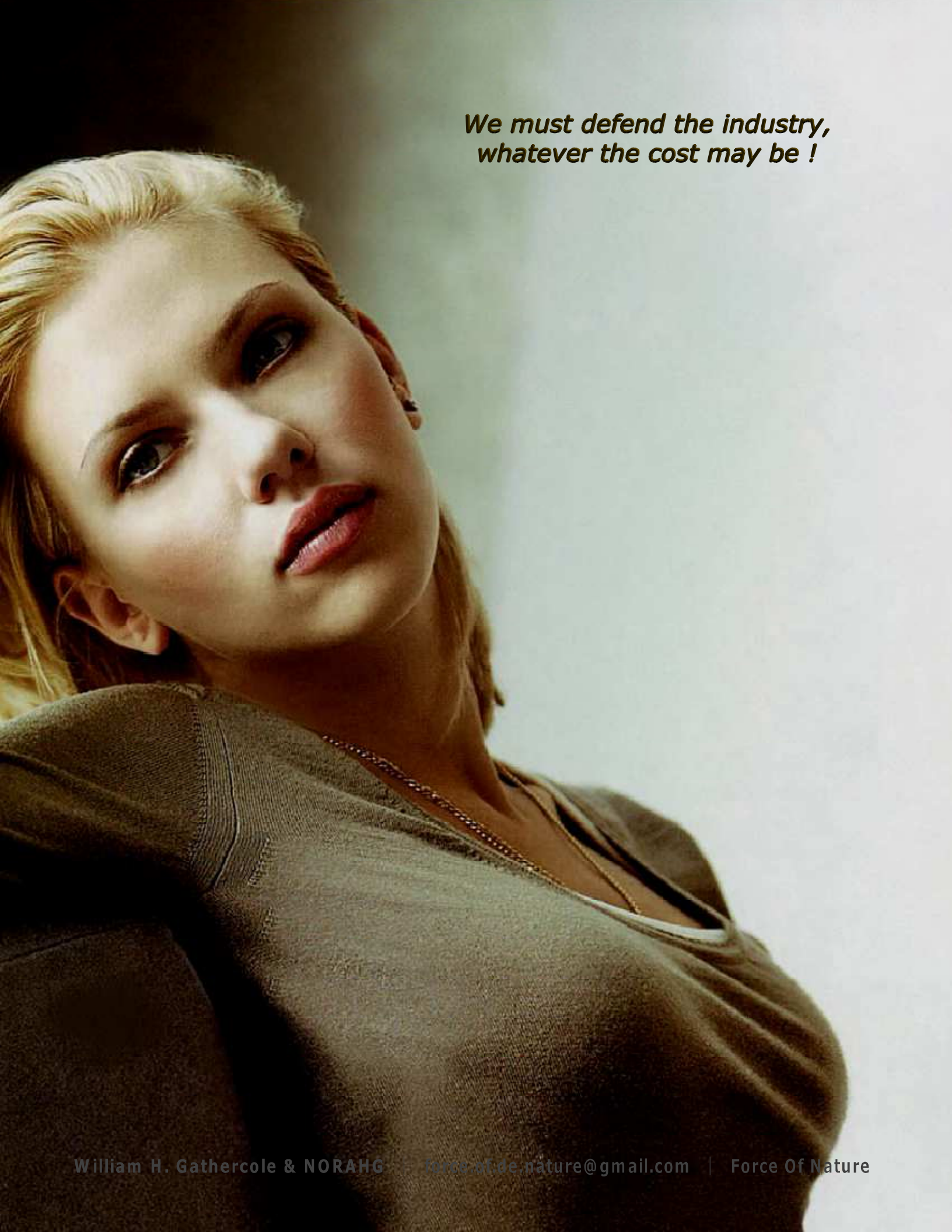
And I'll show them exactly what's entailed in treating my lawn.

I'm not painting my lawn.

I've done well.

I can endure a bit of financial hardship to take on the city.

But I guarantee you that I will win.



***We must defend the industry,  
whatever the cost may be !***



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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues have followed the evolution of LUNATIC ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully ! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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