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Jeffrey Lowes Join Date: Jul 2008
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K.J. Cottam A.K.A Jean Sergent

Jean Sergent

"I am retired federal intelligence analyst who is also a published professional writer bringing recent findings of independent science on pesticides to the general reader. Most of my time in the past seven years has been spent on researching information on pesticides, consulting experts in this field and writing. Several hundred of my contributions, mainly on pesticides, have been published in recent years in Canada's newspapers coast to coast."

<http://www.plcao.on.ca/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=154>

K.J. Cottam

"I am retired federal military intelligence analyst: I worked in this capacity for both DND and Foreign Affairs. My PhD has nothing to do with Russian literature. I published several books on Soviet women in combat in WWII, because of my familiarity with military history and military affairs, including chemical warfare. A professional writer, since my retirement I have been devoting a great deal of time to doing research and writing on the cosmetic use of pesticides and am published in newspapers coast to coast. I am also honorary Canadian observer of the Pesticide Working Group based in Washington. We meet via periodic conference calls."

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#72

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Daily Courier, Monday March 9, 2009

As Submitted to the Newspaper in Response to Cottam:

Critics making unsubstantiated claims

There are misunderstandings fueled by individuals like K. Jean Cottam. These individuals sometimes present themselves as doctors and reference unsubstantiated claims in an effort to damage the image of the lawn- and tree-care industry. I am surprised that the writer didn't refer to herself as Dr. K. Jean Cottam. This has never stopped her in the past even though we know her PhD is in Russian and East European history. Individuals that need to alleviate their personal phobias or anxieties may be helped by writing. These writings and conspiracy theories should be kept in a journal for the next therapy session and not vetted in newspapers.

I would hope the council of Salmon Arm did not rely on any information from this individual. Dr. K. Jean Cottam's claims are border line delusional in layman's terms. If you do a Google search on this self appointed expert with a keyboard, you will find an interesting response from Art Drysdale.

Our experts at MREP Communications have been able to ascertain the medical reports presented to the public are false or misleading. These reports have fueled Dr. K. Jean Cottam's claims. In fact they may be the basis for a fraud push on the public by individuals that abused their credentials in an effort to sell a substandard product. We continue to explore this issue through the courts and different government agencies.

As to the question of principle or principal, we have made corrections to our voice recognition software. There are enough people from Ottawa area affecting our lives; people really don't need another. Since the doctor lives in a condo, I wonder what part of the grounds is her "lawn"?

Since most people don't eat dandelion salad, they should not be force to grow them. Maybe the activist should lay off the poor weed; the issue seems to be clouding their judgment. It would be safe to say this is not the last time we will hear from the good doctor and her rant.

Jeffrey Lowes
M-REP Communications

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#73

Jean Sergent
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I am wondering how Jeffrey's MREP Communications' experts determined that medical reports in question are false and misleading? Do they have advanced medical/chemical training? And surely there is more behind the activities of people like myself than just a desire to cause trouble for trouble's sake? After all, no one pays me for doing all this work for the past seven years and my position on the pesticide committee in Washington, D.C. is purely honorary. Moreover, no one has ever declared me mentally challenged. Far from it. I fully agree, however, that no one should be forced to grow dandelions; I don't grow them either. However, there are methods for getting rid of them without turning suburbia into a toxic battlefield. And I don't mean pulling them out by hand. I seldom do. But there is something about how I look after my lawn that discourages dandelions from invading my weedless turf.

quote

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#74

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"Moreover, no one has ever declared me mentally challenged"

"Moreover, no one has ever declared me mentally challenged"

"The lady doth protest too much, methinks." (the Queen from Shakespeare's Hamlet Act III, Scene II)



"I am wondering how Jeffrey's MREP Communications' experts determined that medical reports in question are false and misleading?"

M-REP Communications started with the fake doctor's from there it got easier.

4.1 Dr. Gideon Foreman, Canadian Association of Physicians CC2007-16.4.1 of the Environment (C.A.P.E.)
Proposed By-law to Regulate the Use of Pesticides

Dr. Gideon Foreman, Canadian Association of Physicians of the Environment, spoke in support of a by-law to phase out the cosmetic use of pesticides. He explained some of the disturbing health risks of pesticide exposure found by the Ontario College of Family Physicians in various studies. He appreciated that many lawn care operators in the area may have concerns regarding their business operations, but stated that the future is in pesticide free lawns. He requested Council to pass a strong, non-essential pesticide control by-law. A written copy of Dr. Gideon Foreman's deputation is available in the Clerk's department.

Moved by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Luff,

RESOLVED THAT the deputation by Dr. Gideon Foreman, Canadian Association of Physicians of the Environment (C.A.P.E.), regarding the proposed by-law to regulate the use of pesticides be received.

CARRIED CR2007-568

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#75



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Lets be honest here. There is no viable alternative or direct replacement for 2,4-d at this time. I realize people think there is and they feel it would benifit the public, but in order to maintain a weed free lawn at a reasonable financial cost to everyone 2,4-d is the answer. Once there is an alternative product that is deemed safer and at a reasonable cost, the new product will be used by the majority im sure of it.

Remember we are talking about science and the law and there is no evidence of Endocrine Disruptor or Carcinogenic effect with 2,4-d or 2,4-db according to the WHO,EU,PMRA,EPA.

The link below talks of a person drinking 2,4-d for 3 weeks straight and no ill effects.

http://npic.orst.edu/RMPP/rmpp_ch9.pdf

I also read that 1 researcher tried to use Dandelion Extract as a possible weed control agent. The problem was that Dandelion Extract is much more toxic for humans than 2,4-d



03-29-2009, 02:22 PM

#76

Jean Sergent
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My lawn has been maintained by myself toxin-free for many years and is totally weedless. I get about a couple tiny dandelions per year and pulling them out takes a second. A substantial percentage of Canadian homeowners already look after their grounds without 2,4-D. Their lawns are not drowning in weeds--I speak on the basis of my observation of some neighbourhoods, including mine--an upscale area with some condos, where I have sufficient grounds to ascertain that people don't spray.

As to 2,4-D, those government agencies that rely on industry's rat data avoiding 2,4-D testing for the appropriate cancer-causing dioxin, as well as for neurological, immune, reproductive and developmental human health damage, get the kind results the industry is looking for. I am on a pesticide committee in Washington, D.C. and I was told that under the Bush Administration the EPA did whatever they were told by the industry to do, including pronouncing 2,4-D harmless, even though for a long time independent American scientists have been demanding an unconditional ban

of 2,4-D. By the way, how can dandelion extract be toxic to humans when dandelion is an edible plant and this is why it was imported to North America from Europe? Interestingly, I met a relatively young American woman whose husband used to drink 2,4-D to prove it was safe. I asked her how was he, to which she replied that "the bloody fool died many years ago."

Let's be honest--what kind of law we are talking about in dealing with pesticides? The law of the jungle, a law that uses blatant, unscrupulous misinformation as a tool. Money talks and ignorance is bliss. 2,4-D was invented for military purposes and prior to WWII, before 2,4-D existed, lawns did not drown in weeds, as I recall myself.

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#77



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Dow vs Quebec (Nafta) Law.

We will know very shortly if the ban is maintained.

You have to admit Mr. Foreman (CAPE) passing himself off as a Doctor doesn't look good. Thank gosh we don't have a jungle law making him accountable for his actions.

 quote

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#78

Jean Sergent
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Oh, what a patriotic Canadian you are--you ought to be congratulated! So you want foreign nationals to overturn our Canadian laws intended to protect those who cannot protect themselves! Would you like to have this can of worms opened--I am sure the vast majority of Canadians are going to rise to the occasion--It's high time to discredit Chapter 11 with its dubious tribunals.

As to Gideon Forman, he is the executive director of a doctors' organization and he has the right to pass on his employer's views--undoubtedly he was directed to do so. To my knowledge, he has never pretended to be a doctor!

I am sure the Quebec ban will be maintained--already Quebecers are rising to the occasion. They love their province, they love their country and will not be pushed around by foreign vested interests.

 quote

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#79

Jean Sergent
LawnSite Member

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Posts: 37

Whoever is making these accusations against Gideon Forman had better get his facts straight. Do provide verifiable evidence of your claim that Gideon allegedly lied about his being an MD. When, where and on what documents it was recorded that Gideon supposedly said he was a medical doctor? And if the accuser can't cite his sources, then it is hearsay, and anyone spreading lies and innuendo can get himself into a very serious trouble. At no time did Gideon ever say that he was a medical doctor. However, he has the right to represent and does represent the medical doctors who are members of CAPE. This blogger will not tolerate any vicious, unconfirmed gossip behind anyone's back.

 quote

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#80

exe weedman
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Just so our American Friends know, Jean Seargent is obviously one of the vocal minority Canadians that unfortunately always seem to cry and get their way. He by no means reflects the opinions or views of an average Canadian. I am so tired of listening to the crying from your type in our media and I really wish that I did not have to hear it from you here. The whole pesticide issue is "fishy" and frankly I don't care about the debate anymore! For me, its gone and I have to move on...the minority has spoken and now it is law.

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