

Paul Harvey's attacks: will they never end?

WASHINGTON—Radio commentator Paul Harvey launched his third verbal salvo in the past 12 months at the golfing industry. On March 14th, he opened his remarks with this allegory:

"If there were snakes in the grass of your golf course, there'd be a loaded shotgun in your golf bag."

He then proceeded to liken the golf industry's use of pesticides to the tobacco industry's claims about their products. He also said that there might be lawsuits in golf's future.

Harvey cited Jerome Blondell of the EPA, and a recent study in the "American Journal of Public Health."

He said that researchers are "particularly critical of chemicals 2,4-D and carbaryl and diazinon." What he did not include in his broadcast was that researchers did not ask, in their most recent study, what chemicals were used—they assumed that 2,4-D, carbaryl and diazinon were "most likely to be used."

He also did not note the statement of

the man who led the most recent study, as quoted in the "USA Today" newspaper:

"It's only a suggestion (of an association between home pesticides and cancer in children). You cannot infer cause and effect at all...further research needs to be done."

Harvey concluded his bombastic diatribe with: "Golf clubs and their USGA cannot hide behind the EPA any more."

Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment, a trade association composed of pesticide manufacturers, issued a memo to members saying:

"He (Harvey) is on a campaign against our industry, and is willing to misuse any information he can to paint a negative picture. He has been totally unreceptive to industry input.

"If any member has ideas on how we can influence Mr. Harvey, please contact RISE. He has a large audience, and his attacks are having an effect. He has already refused to discuss the issue with industry."

—Jerry Roche

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30-May 2: Menninger Tree Conference, Harry P. Leu Gardens, Orlando, Fla. Phone: Linda Van Der Zee, (407) 345-8137.

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1-3: Southeastern Turfgrass Conference, Tifton, Ga. Phone: Jeanne Werner, (912) 386-3416.

2-3: Microscopic Identification of Turfgrass Diseases workshops, Cook College, Rutgers University. Phone: (908) 932-9271.

4-5: Tree Care Seminar by Dr. Alex Shigo, Greater Columbus (Ohio) Convention Center. Phone: Tree Care Educators, (503) 254-0482.

5-8: American Institute of Architects National Convention and Expo, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta. Phone: Katherine McQuay, (202) 626-7467.

15-25: California Assoc. of Nurserymen's Horticultural Study Tour to Canada. Phone: Harvest Travel International, (800) 227-0464.

21-23: "Trees, People and the Law" Conference, Nebraska City, Neb. Phone: Kathy Austin, (402) 474-5655.

24-26: Color Magic, Walt Disney World. Phone: Florida Nurserymen & Grower's Assn., (407) 345-8137.

Restricted Use record-keeping is changed

WASHINGTON—According to the American Association of Nurserymen, the USDA changed its Restricted Use pesticide record-keeping laws, which—unless delayed by the passage of H.R. 450—take effect May 11th.

Key changes: Restricted Use pesticide applications must be recorded within 14 days instead of 30; records must be maintained for two years; federal regulators, state regulators and licensed health care professionals caring for a patient must have access to records; records of spot applications of Restricted Use pesticides must include a description of the location and treatment.

(H.R. 450 is the "Regulatory Transition Act of 1995" that would institute a moratorium on all new federal regulations taking effect from Nov. 20, 1994 through Dec. 31, 1995. The bill, introduced by Texas Republican Tom DeLay and Indiana Republican David McIntosh, is strongly supported by the AAN.)