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A new perspective on chemicals

■ Why are federal health agencies pouring so much time and energy into regulating chemicals that pose less of a health hazard than peanut butter? That's the question being asked by Dr. Bruce Ames, a scientist in the biochemistry department at the University of California, Berkeley. Ames, creator of the Ames Test and one of the foremost consumer advocates of the 1960s, is again in the national spotlight since publishing Ranking Possible Carcinogemic Hazards, which challenges the government's method of assessing a chemical's potential risk.

According to Ames, researchers need to take into account how many people are likely to be exposed to a chemical and its threat at low doses, not merely what happens when you pump it into a rat. Case in point: Ames points out that the EPA banned EDB after determining it could cause three cases of cancer in 1,000 (about one percent of all cancer in the United States). "It would be more reasonable," writes Ames, "to compare the possible hazard of EDB residues to that of other common possible hazards. For example, the aflatoxin in the average peanut butter sandwich, or a raw mushroom, is 75 to 200 times, respectively, the possible hazard of

Ames adds that the alternatives to chemicals should be considered. That way, he says, regulators can set more realistic priorities for concern.

Arizona legalizes sterile carp

■ Golf course superintendents in Arizona have won the battle of the white amur. The fish, commonly known as a grass carp, had been used to control vegetation in course ponds and streams until the Arizona Game and Fish Department banned it last October. Citing its threat to the limited vegetation in the state's game rivers and fears that it would reproduce, the Department ordered the fish destroyed and created stiff penalties for those failing to

A compromise was reached this summer when the state legislature approved the use of genetically altered variety of the fish,

called a triploid, which is sterile.

"There has been no evidence that the triploid white amur has any environmental impact on the game fish population or waterfowl," said Dennis M. Wesseldine, a regional superintendent with the American Golf Corporation. "We must encourage all superintendents and golf organizations in the states where the amur is illegal to lobby with local state legislators to encourage the complete biological control of aquatic weeds."

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And that colorful combination has helped Mangucci become a successful businesswoman in just three

On any given summer day, you can see Mangucci putting around Silverton and Mount Angel, Ore., watering hanging baskets which have been placed in pub-

The two chambers of commerce wanted to beautify their cities, so they erected the baskets and had flowers planted in them. Someone had to water the flowers, too, and Mangucci was in the right place at the right time.

It was husband Phillip's idea to purchase the 1971model scooter; she has registered more than 800 miles in it. The scooter ("my efficient little workhorse") has a 55gallon Cushman stainless steel tank, a pump hooked into the scooter's 12-volt battery, and a 13-foot wand made of conduit for lightness. Mangucci waters 25 hanging baskets in each city once a day—twice a day when the temperature gets over 90 degrees.

Why the brightly-painted scooter? "I wanted to be visible as well as pretty-looking," she says. "And it's worked out beautifully. I've been very successful. I've even had quite a few requests for landscape work, but I don't do that

kind of work, so I refer them to my friends.'

Before going into her own interiorscaping business, Mangucci spent 16 years working in a business office. "This beats it all together," she notes.

And then she's off again, in search of more baskets to



RESEARCH

Ohio State professors take to the road to address drought concerns of supers

Four members of the Ohio State University Agronomy Department toured areas of Ohio in mid-July to personally address drought concerns of golf course superintendents.

Participants in the tour were Ph.D.s John Street, Karl Danneberger, Harry Niemczyk and Bill Shane.

One of the final stops was at Quail Hollow Resort in Painesville, where superintendent Jim Loke assembled about a dozen superintendents from the northern Ohio area. Where the courses got their water and how it was used was a sore spot for some neighbors of golf courses.

Don Sweda, superintendent at Beechmont Country Club in Pepper Pike, said he received a crank phone call in the middle of the night from someone ordering him to stop watering. He uses water from lakes on the course to irrigate.

Jean Esposito of Hinckley Hills Golf Course in Hinckley, had her own experience which included the Cleveland Water Department, members of the local television media and crank phone calls (see related story).

Nearly all of the courses in the region ceased irrigating roughs early on, if they even had the capability to start with. Most public courses-without the large budgets of some of the private clubs-stopped watering fairways. These, too, were brown.

Danneberger noted that "the Cincinnati area was hit hard" because courses using municipal water were cut back severely.

One of the concerns expressed by the superintendents was whether this turf would recover with rainfall and green up again in the fall as conditions moderated.

Esposito, whose Hinckley Hills course has no fairway irrigation system, was optimistic after the first significant rainfall in weeks graced her course the previous weekend. "I can see some green coming back into them," she told the group-not much, but it was there.

"The grass must get some water," Danneberger noted. "Dormancy does not mean it won't die. But with this kind of year, there is stress on the grass we haven't seen in 50 years. There will be problems," he

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