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1. Funds Target Integrated Pest Management Program in Virginia Schools

RICHMOND, VA, January 30, 2001 - The Virginia Pesticide Control Board at its meeting in Richmond this month voted to provide \$20,000 in funding to help train pest control operators throughout the state on how to implement an effective school Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. IPM is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining a range of management tools, not just chemical, in a way that minimizes health, environmental and economic risks...

Full Text @: http://www.gnet.org/news/Print.cfm?NewsID=14563 **Source:** EarthVision Environmental News, 31 January 2001

2. Fire - Safety Woes at D.C. Library

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Library of Congress has severe fire safety problems that not only threaten human life but leave some of the library's ``most valuable and irreplaceable collections" with the worst fire protection, a congressional inspection shows...

...The report found that fire-suppression equipment protecting 11 rooms that house rare books relies on Halon gas, no longer manufactured or imported because it destroys the ozone layer...

Full Text @: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/national/AP
Source: The New York Times on the Web, 31 January 2001

3. SPY Fox Must Protect the Earth from an Ominous Aerosol Can.

Once again, the world is in peril and it's up to suave secret agent SPY Fox™ to save the day. In SPY Fox: Operation Ozone™, his third CD-ROM adventure from Humongous Entertainment®, an Infogrames, Inc. company, SPY Fox must protect the earth from an ominous aerosol can blasting a deadly stream of hairspray directly at the ozone layer. Unless SPY Fox and his team of SPY Corps agents can stop the onslaught, the earth's inhabitants will be sporting a permanent sunburn. SPY Fox: Operation Ozone, designed for children ages5 to 10, will be available in retail stores nationwide in May 2001.

Full Text @: http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-30-2001/0001415265&EDATE="source: PRNewswire, 30 January 2001">http://www.prnewswire, 30 January 2001

4. "Gas Attack" May Be Best Method of Ridding Pathogens from Soil

BAQAA - Bio-Fumigation runs the best chances in the government's hectic contest with time in trying to find the best alternative for the toxic methyl bromide used in agriculture to sterilise soil before 2005, said a government official on Thursday...

... According to the Montreal Protocol, developing countries such as Jordan should phase out the application of methyl bromide by 2015, for industrialised countries the time frame is shorter. They must fulfil the requirement by 2005.

Jordan voluntarily set itself a tighter time frame to phase out the chemical - like industrialised countries - by 2005, a challenge that appears not only to be accelerated by numerous injuries each year caused by an improper handling of the toxic chemical. Industrialised countries, phasing out the chemical out by 2005, will also have to refrain from importing crops planted in countries that still use methyl bromide; a substantial incentive for Jordanian agriculture that is trying to expand its export base.

Other alternatives to methyl bromide currently being tested appear no less bizarre than the "cow dung" method.

Full Article @: http://63.104.165.4/Sun/homenews/homenews7.htm

Source: Jordan Times Electronic, By Dana Charkasi, January 21, 2001

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