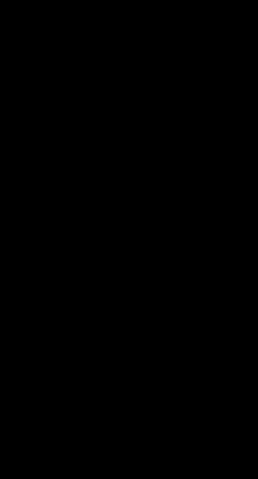


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Websites

[johntaylorgatto.com](#)

Books

- The Underground History of American Education
- A Different Kind of Teacher
- Dumbing Us Down
- The Exhausted School

Websites

- [gulfwarvets.com](#)
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Gulf Illness Update

Monday's first half-hour guest, veterans advocate **Joyce Riley** reacted to the recent **announcement** that the Department of Veterans Affairs will be putting \$15 million into defining and treating maladies related to Gulf War illness.

She believes this is too little, too late and that the military is not serious at getting at the root of the problem. Riley contends that Gulf vets were exposed to chemical and biological agents and the US military has been involved in a cover-up of this information.



Recap

Education Reform

Legendary teacher and reformer **John Taylor Gatto** presented a scathing critique of our compulsory education system. He told how in 1991 when he won the award of New York's Teacher of the Year, he audaciously quit the profession, saying that he could no longer abide by the faulty structure.

Schools turn out "incomplete people" who become indoctrinated into the work force, he declared. Citing the educational focus on memorization and short answer tests, these "weapons of mass instruction," turn out a more docile population, that has not learned the skill of thinking comprehensively, said Gatto.

Over the years, he has become impressed with many home schooling efforts. Freed from the strictures of the institutional settings, these students often show much more progress in intellectual and character development, he said. He recommended the book **Hard Times in Paradise** by David and Micki Colfax for their insights into the home schooling process.

Related Articles

TV Addiction



"It wasn't until I became a teacher that I began to be driven crazy by TV," wrote **John Taylor Gatto** in an **article** for *American Enterprise*. He claimed that kids who were heavy TV watchers were often "malicious to each other and sunk in chronic boredom."

The average person in the industrialized world watches three hours of TV per day, which amounts to about half of their leisure time. At that rate, if you live to 75, you'll spend a total of **9 years** glued to the tube! Studies have associated TV's drawing power with our biological "orienting response," which is an instinctive attraction to certain types of visual stimuli. In an exploration of TV addiction, published in *Scientific American*, the authors found that people reported feeling more relaxed and passive while watching TV. But the relaxed feeling ended when the set was shut off and many participants said they felt as though their energy was sucked out of them.

A mountain community that previously had no TV, was studied to see how they changed after they were hooked up with cable. Over time it was found that both adults and children became less creative in problem solving and showed less perseverance at tasks. Well, I could go on, but I've got to run-- there's a cool special about aliens on the History Channel on now!

--L.L.

Bumper music from Monday December 6th, 2004

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| 1. Midnight Express (The Chase)
Giorgio Moroder | 2. Beautiful Girl
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Red Rider |
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