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While observing a late-summer Michigan cornfield, Mark Jones sees both the life-giving and life-taking properties of chemistry. He realizes that while the phrase 'toxic chemicals' typically generates negative reactions on the part of the public, Mark argues that such life-taking chemicals are useful, will be with us for the foreseeable future, and better, safer alternatives are on the way.

As you know, our elected representatives and Federal Agencies in Washington DC have been extremely busy over the last 3-4 months. Our quarterly ACS Advocacy/Legislation Update summarizes all the key things you need to know. The update includes a Congressional Recap and a Federal Agency Update. You can also learn how you can join the Act4Chemistry Legislative Action Network -- the American Chemical Society's program that supports its members, local sections, and other groups interested in engaging with Congress, the White House, and federal agencies.

In today's 5th Quarter, U.K. native and former Ashland Specialty Ingredients veteran Sheila Murphy observes how travel in retirement sure beats business travel, which in many cases for Sheila meant seeing merely the business destination's airport, and the inside of some hotel conference rooms. Read about why Sheila is having so much fun in retirement.

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LIFE-GIVING AND LIFE-TAKING CHEMISTRY



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