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## The Case Of The "Mysterious Termites"

Most homes that have problems with subterranean termites are fairly simple to fix. But, every now and then, we run across a case that no one has been able to solve. Termite Terry loves to take on tough cases and this month, we're going to share a story of how he solved one of these mysteries.

*One of Termite Terry's favorite cases involved a home in Walnut. The homeowners showed him where the subterranean termites had eaten through the wall in the living room. This problem had been going on for years. They tried hiring several different termite companies to come out and perform termite treatments. However, none of them were successful because the termites never went away.*

*Termite Terry arrived at the scene, made a scale drawing of the home and started his investigation. There were no signs of termites anywhere except in the living room wall. So, he focused his attention in that area.*

*The foundation area, located outside of the living room, was exposed and it was easy to see that no termites were coming up from there. So, he went inside to look further. With permission from the owners, he pulled up the carpet in the living room. The home had a solid concrete slab foundation and Termite Terry thought that maybe the termites were coming up through a crack. That lead went nowhere – there were no cracks and no signs of termites.*

*Termite Terry was stumped and could feel the signs of a*

*tension headache coming on. At this point, he just started staring at the house. Nothing seemed to make sense. There were no termites coming up from the exterior and there was no way for them to come up from the interior. Subterranean termites can't just live in the wall the way that other types of termites can – they live in the ground and they have to come up into the home's framework to eat the wood.*

*There was a window and sliding door at the rear of the living room. He checked those areas and once again, came up empty handed.*

*Termite Terry went back to look at the wall where the termites were living. There were no windows or doors in that area to inspect. But, then he looked further down the wall and noticed a fireplace.*

*There were no signs of termites around the fireplace on the inside. He even pulled up the carpet in that area to check and still found nothing. So, he decided to go outside and look further.*

*The chimney was attached to the outside of the house, about ten feet from where the termites were located. At first glance, there were no signs of termites around the chimney. However, after peeling back the metal flashing that was used to cover the gap between the chimney and the wall, Termite Terry found what he was looking for.*

*As it turned out, the subterranean termites were coming*  
(turn the page)

### 75 Years Ago . . .

May 6, 1941, Bob Hope performed his first USO show at March Field, California. He continued to entertain our troops until 1991, with a total of 57 tours.

### Celebrating John F. Kennedy

*"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."*

John F. Kennedy, born May 29, 1917

## Rave Review!

*"I have learned the hard way that just because you pay good money to a big name termite company to fumigate your home, it doesn't mean that they will kill your termites. This could be for many reasons, like they didn't put in enough gas or their tent has holes in it so the gas escapes . . .*

*About 4 years ago, I had Termite Terry fumigate my home for termites. I was aware of one location where I knew there was a problem. Not too long after the work, I saw dead termites in that location. He was successful in killing my termites.*

*Within the last 6 months or so, I had a handyman that has done work for me the passed 20 years. He lives 300 miles away, so when I have a long list of things to do, he comes and stays at my home and he gets his own bedroom and bathroom. The handyman was doing work for me about 5 months and during that time, he would go back and forth to his place and mine. This time he brought bed bugs to my home!*

*When I became aware of the problem, I must have picked about 90 bed bugs off of the bed that he slept on. I knew if anyone could get rid of them, it would be Termite Terry. He came over and looked at my problem and I signed the contract with him.*

*The night before the fumigation I found 3 bed bugs in his bedroom and one hour before the fumigation company came, I found another 3 bed bugs in his bedroom. I put 3 bed bugs in a tall glass jar and then I did the same with the other 3 bed bugs. I put each jar in a different location in the house and told no one about it.*

*After the fumigation, when I was allowed to go inside, the first thing I did was to check my 2 jars to see what happened to the bed bugs. They were all dead, I'm happy to say. It has been about 6 weeks since the fumigation and I have not seen one bug!*

*My handyman will not be doing any work for me again!*

*Thank you Termite Terry for solving my problem. I highly recommend him if you have any bug problem. He's honest, a straight shooter and gets the job done."*

Linda B.  
Lake Forest

*up between the exterior wall and fireplace. Apparently, no one else had bothered to look in this area or they would have known what to do.*



*"Termite" Terry  
as Columbo*

*These termites were treated by injecting materials directly into this crack, at the bottom of the chimney. The area was thoroughly drenched to ensure complete coverage. In addition, Termite Terry had the walls treated with a foam solution of the same product to ensure complete eradication.*

*Termite Terry said, "You know it's kind of funny. You can treat a house all the way around the outside and inside, but if you miss the target, you'll still have a problem. It's kind of like someone pointing a gun at your foot; if they miss hitting your foot by an inch, you won't feel anything. Subterranean termites are the same way; if you miss the target by an inch, they'll just keep on coming."*

Have a problem with termites and need help? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

## 2,000 Trees At UCI Infested With Wood Boring Beetles

Late in 2014 was when dozens of sycamore trees in UC Irvine's Aldrich Park began to die. Several months later, they found that hundreds of

cottonwoods, golden rain and coral trees were also dying.

"We've seen infestations of pests, but nothing to this extent," said Richard Demerjian, director of UCI's Office of Environmental Planning and Sustainability. "It came as quite a shock."

The polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) is the insect that is causing these trees to die. This tiny beetle is smaller than a sesame seed. It is **not native** to the area and it has **no natural predators**.

The PSHB drills holes into trees and brings with it a pathogenic fungus (*Fusarium euwallacea*), as well as other fungal species. It creates galleries under the bark and plants the various fungi there. The fungi will then spread through the tree's system and eventually kill it.

Researchers have identified 2,000 trees at the university that are infested and about 400 have already had to be cut down. Many other trees have had their main branches or entire tops cut off.

Scientists, led by Akif Eskalen of UC Riverside, have now turned Aldrich Park into a giant outdoor research lab.

Eskalen has selected 130 sycamore trees for his experiment. He divided them into 13 groups of 10. Four of the groups were treated with various insecticides; three were treated with different fungicides; and four others got one of each.

One other group of trees was given a beneficial bacteria, found in some California trees, that they believe may kill the fungus. Last, they have one control group that received no treatment at all.

Researchers have been monitoring these trees since last June. They will analyze their results this June and continue to monitor the trees for a few more years. Eskalen hopes to find a chemical or microbial weapon that will help to fight the infestation.

The PSHB has spread through six counties in Southern California.

Researchers are especially concerned of potential economic risks, also. This beetle has a special taste for avocado trees and no one knows what will happen if it moves into the Central Valley, California's agricultural heartland.

Here are some tree management tips from the scientists at UC Riverside:

- Protect your trees and local habitat from a variety of pest species by avoiding moving infected wood around. **Use firewood locally!**
- Although the PSHB has been found to attack healthy trees, they believe that keeping trees in optimal health is always a good defense strategy.
- Choose trees that are appropriate for the site and ones that don't require a lot of water.
- Provide appropriate soils and access for roots to grow and expand.
- Avoid excess pruning.
- Sterilize pruning tools between uses to avoid spreading the fungus.
- Don't under water trees.
- Don't plant inappropriate companion plants within the tree's dripline.
- If you think that the PSHB is affecting your trees, please call your local Agricultural Commissioner's office.

Ladies and gentlemen, this problem with the PSHB is a **big deal**. Right now, there is a four-mile-wide willow forest in the Tijuana River Valley that has 140,000 severely damaged trees. We really need to cooperate with our researchers and Agricultural Commissioners to solve this problem or a picture of tomorrow's California may present a radically different view.

## Chicago Mayor Creates A Rodent Task Force

Chicago's mayor recently announced the creation of a rodent task force and an additional 10 rodent control crews to respond to the city's growing rat problem.

Last year, the mayor added five crews which brought the total number of crews to 28. The two-person crews respond to rodent complaints and perform rodent baiting services.

Various departments and agencies will make up the task force and their aim is to attack the problem from multiple fronts. They will coordinate large-scale rodent abatements, identify resources for rodent prevention and will enforce pest control-related ordinances.

Chicago's Streets and Sanitation says that "if rats can't feed, they can't breed." Here are some tips they offer to prevent rat infestations:

- Keep garbage contained within closed trash carts, bins or dumpsters.
- Clean up after pets and dispose waste in sealed containers.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors.
- Get rid of old tires, lumber or piles of debris.
- Clear weeds and throw away rotting fruit or vegetables from gardens.

City records show that rat complaints have more than doubled in the last two years. They received 8,496 rodent complaint calls from January 1 to April 12, 2016. During the same time period in 2014, they only received 4,071 calls.

## Fun Facts About The Kentucky Derby

The 142<sup>nd</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Here are some fun facts you may not know about the "Greatest Two Minutes In Sports":

- The fastest horse in Derby history was Secretariat, who in 1973 finished the 1¼ mile distance in 1:59.40.
- The Mint Julep is the official drink of the Derby. Over 120,000 of these are served each year and most of them are served in a souvenir Kentucky Derby glass.
- Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack are both tied with the most wins at five each. Arcaro won races between 1938 and 1952 and Hartack won his between 1957 and 1969.
- The winner's 14-karat gold trophy for this year is 22 inches tall and weighs 65 ounces, excluding its jade base.
- In 1913 and at 91 to 1 odds, Donerail became the biggest underdog to ever win the Derby.
- Only three fillies have ever won the Derby. Regret won in 1915, Genuine Risk in 1980 and Winning Colors in 1988.
- The slowest horse to ever win was Kingman. In 1912, he won with a record slow time of 2:52.25.
- A record number of 170,513 people were at the Derby to watch American Pharoah win in 2015. A wagering record was also set at 137.9 million dollars.
- The youngest jockey to ever win the Derby is Alonzo "Lonnie" Clayton. In 1892, he rode Azra to win when he was only 15 years old!
- The winning trainers in two of the first three Derbys were former slaves – Ansel Williamson in 1875 and Ed Brown in 1877.

It's time to place your bets. Are you putting your money on Nyquist to win this year?

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## Worshippers At A Mosque Attacked By Bees

Worshippers at a mosque were attacked by a swarm of up to 20,000 killer bees. More than 20 people were stung and one man had to be hospitalized.

Officials had to close down the road outside of the mosque and nearby residents were warned to stay inside their homes for safety. Firefighters rushed to the scene and sprayed the bees with foam to help control them. Several hours later, a beekeeper arrived to remove the hive.

The bees had formed a hive under the eaves of the mosque. One of the mosque workers stated that a man had already been scheduled to remove the hive on the following day. Unfortunately, the bees attacked earlier than expected.

It is believed that the bees were disturbed by the mosque's speakers, which were located near the hive.

One of the witnesses said, "I don't know, it was crazy how everyone was running everywhere." Miming swatting at bees around his head, he continued: "They were making some movements like that . . . some people would even fall in the grass over there and then they'd get up and start running. I can't believe they had the whole street blocked off for bees."

More than 20 people complained of getting stung multiple times by the killer bees. Most were treated at the scene and released. There is no immediate word on the condition of the man who was taken to the hospital.

Ladies and gentlemen, bees are good and they are an important part of our environment. But, killer bees are the "bad guys" because they can hurt or kill you. If you have a beehive at your home or business, don't take chances. Call a professional, NOW!



"Termite" Terry Singleton