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## Astros Win the World Series!

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I could have made this letter more timely after Houston's win, but better late than never. My baseball experience was limited to a few years but they are still memories that hang on to me. In the seventies I remember walking up the street to catch a ride with Mr. Creel and his kids to go to practice or a game. I played with Leland Creel. His older brother, Keith, was a star pitcher for University of Texas and did play in the majors. I attended schools in Duncanville and the high school always had good baseball teams. I believe it was the nurturing of talent at a young age that produced these good athletes. I was not that great of a player, but I appreciated just getting to learn to play. If we won we usually got to go to the polar bear ice cream stand on Main Street in Duncanville—a good incentive for us.

Coaching young people takes volunteers and I am writing this in appreciation of all dads who take the time to coach and pass on their enjoyment they've developed for the game of baseball. Most of the teams I played on had some small success and once we at least had to play a game beyond our district, and that game was played in Samuel Park in Dallas. We lost the game but it was baseball and it was fun. I was 12 at the time (1972) and the coaches decided to take our team to an Astros game in Houston—a BIG reward! There was no over night stay so it was probably a day game and we left early and came back late. This was the first professional baseball game I ever attended. It was going to be in that amazing new Astrodome (opened 1965).

The Astros were playing the New York Mets. One of my teammates was talking about the famous Vitalis commercial at the time with "Gentry hit the shower" because he had too much grease in his hair. You can watch that video on YouTube. As the coach goes through the locker room checking the pitchers, (rules about putting grease on a baseball) Nolan Ryan is holding the Vitalis jar. When I watched the commercial the other day I couldn't even recognize him he was so young. My teammate claimed Gentry was a relative or something—that's boys for you! The Mets were recent World Series winners and that might have been one reason our coaches wanted to go see the Astros vs Mets. All I know is I loved the trip. I can only say it was pretty magical to see the Astrodome in its glory days and it only compares in my childhood memories to the time my family visited Disneyland in the mid 1960s. One of the best hamburgers I ever ate was at the Astrodome. It was a long trip but the impression of the trip is still strong whereas a lot of my memories have faded.

Throughout our lives you can make a positive impression on people. At A-All over the years we've tried to make an impact by not only putting extra care into our work but making an impact by teaching courses in entomology in Plano, participating in parades that benefit local communities and sometimes just listening when a client needs to talk about something, whether it be what brought us to their home or a completely different topic that is currently of a deep concern in their life.

### Pest of the Quarter:

#### Opossum



- The only marsupial in North America
- Omnivore
- It can climb so they are capable of entering structures from the roof as well as through damaged crawl space vents
- They can bring in fleas that can end up on pets and/or people

A-All has contributed a termite treatment for 13 years to the Christ United Methodist Church parishioner built House on the Corner in Plano, TX. There are no more lots to build on so this December treatment was the final one for this project. (If you would like to see the church members build one of the houses check my video on my YouTube channel Bravofincannon) I hope during this holiday season you have time to reflect back on those that have made a positive impact on you life and I want to let you know that having you, as a continued customer, has made a positive impact on our family and employees over these many years.—*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*—David

### Roof Rats

While attending Purdue I was assisting a grad student in his work on bats during the summer of 1979. He is now an international consultant and sometimes works with a program similar to Doctors Without Borders but in relationship to vertebrate pests. He stayed over with us one night recently after conducting a seminar in town and he told me about these rats that just can not be caught with any conventional method. So they have special cameras and record the rodent activity and then bring in a sharp shooter to kill the rat. I am glad that we do not have to use a sharp shooter at A-All yet.



**We VALUE our customers!**

**If you ever have a possible bug or part of a bug PLEASE save it! That will help us to identify the problem more quickly, target the correct pest and begin treatment sooner.**

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David in front of the 13th and final HOTC

## The last House on The Corner

There are always many opportunities to help others in this world. For over a decade we have happily donated a termite treatment annually to the newest Christ United Methodist Church House on The Corner in Plano. The church members would construct a home for a chosen family in the parking lot of the church and then it would be moved to it's permanent location for final work. We were usually the last step in the process before the final city paperwork was completed. It has been a blessing to participate in such a fine program.



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