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The Party Animal News

Wisdom from a child

10% off Wildlife Inspections

If you have not had a Wildlife inspection at your home for a while you might consider having one done. Rodents can damage cars in a garage if the overhead door is not sealed. Squirrels can damage wires and raccoons will tear into your ductwork to heat and cool your attic (their new home). If you would like to have the home checked just give us a call and we'll be happy to send someone out to check it over.

Clip this offer and present it



Expires 3-31-15

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Pest of the Quarter:

Black Widow Spider



- 1/2 inch long
- shiny abdomen with red hour glass (some have other coloration and stripes too)
- Many die off in severe winters
- Can lay 700 egg in one cocoon
- Prof. Baerg from the University of Arkansas allowed one to bite him. He experienced pain in 2 hours which spread to his whole body in 3 hours. He had severe muscular pain, mild paralysis, low fever and nausea but recovered after 3 days. (Razorbacks have an odd sense of fun.)

Some viewed the North Texas area, in 2014, as the start of the real Walking Dead. Here is this years list: Ebola, West Nile Virus, Chagas Disease, Chikungunya (another mosquito borne disease). All these diseases sound scary, and I admit when taking entomology courses at Purdue, the part on medical entomology made me think twice about travelling outside the U.S. For instance, there is a stick tight flea associated with beaches that embeds in the skin. Back then I wondered who would want to go to a beach and chance getting this horrible flea? But diseases also come to us. Chagas disease (transmitted by the kissing bug) is mainly found in South America. However, we now have it here because of our porous borders.

The poor of South America are bringing their disease reservoirs to the US.

When we observe how our "refined" and informed population of the US today responded to the Ebola incident, you can imagine how those with less knowledge of situations would act to any threat that might put them and their family at risk.

You can isolate yourself and remain safe, but is that the best decision? A recent quote I read in the Wall Street Journal fascinated me. It was from Mark Twain writing about his childhood. When he was 9 the town he was living in had a measles epidemic. Children were dying daily in the community and everyone

was scared. Many parents locked up their children so they would not get the measles. (Not so different than the parents keeping their children home from school because of the Ebola scare.) But, even as a child Mark Twain thought differently. He decided to escape his prison, as he would rather die than live that existence. He went to his sick friends house and got in bed with him to get the measles.

As a child, Mark Twain knew the demarcation between a good and a bad existence on this planet. Of course, you can guess the rest of the story. He did get the measles, but he did not die.

I hope in the coming year you decide that you do not want to become a prisoner to pest related fears and other fears we are bombarded with everyday. David

Bugs in Christmas Trees

We VALUE our customers!

This information comes from a 2012 study in Norway, so some of may not apply to the US, but it certainly makes you think. The researches found 25,000 bugs in some of the Christmas trees that were brought into homes. Now, we are used to seeing a cockroach or a silverfish now and again, and we count that as one bug. So, if you multiply this by 25,000 you think this is a lot. But, if you go in your back yard right now and get a shovel and put some dirt in a bucket you could end up with a few hundred insects of different species in the bucket. "There are a number of insects hiding in a Christmas tree," says Associate Professor Bjarte Jordal at the University Museum of Bergen." The small bugs they found like springtails, bark lice, mites, and small spiders can get the numbers high in a fresh tree.

The article recommends using local trees for reducing the likelihood of bringing in many insects. My family has cut down our trees at local Texas farms for years and have not noticed any unusual problems. I think it is because the drought always reduces the bug populations.

The article is found at: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121218081830.htm>

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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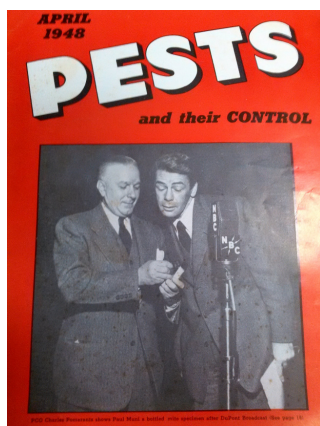
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Picture front of magazine.

Charley Pomerantz helped discover the cause in the 1940's of a disease in a section of New York city with symptoms causing violent, body racking, non-fatal fever and with no treatment. Mr. Pomerantz had no degree, he was not a doctor but a pest control operator in NYC. He discovered a severe mouse problem in the complex and from there he thought mites from the mice could spread the disease. The disease was rickettsialpox, and it was the first time they had found that *All-dermanyssus sanguineus*, genus species name (mite), could be the disease vector.

It was so significant that Paul Muni in the "Cavalcade of America" featured him in the popular radio program on NBC. The radio story was titled "The Alerting of Mr. Pomerantz" You can hear the program online at:

<http://www.myoldradio.com/old-radio-episodes/cavalcade-of-america-the-alerting-of-mr-pomerantz/4>



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