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Hantavirus Claims Three Lives In Yosemite

The National Park Service has announced that there were eight confirmed cases of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) in visitors who stayed at Curry Village in Yosemite National Park since June of this year. As of today, three of them have died.

Those who stayed in the Signature Cabins in Curry Village, from mid-June through the end of August, have been contacted by park officials. They are being advised to seek medical attention if they exhibit symptoms of HPS. Also being contacted are those who made reservations at the park's High Sierra Camps this summer. That is because the eighth confirmed case camped and hiked in that area.

There is no known cure for the Hantavirus. This disease was first discovered in the U.S. in 1993. Since that time, there have been 602 reported cases of infection and 216 have died.

In the U.S., deer mice, cotton rats, rice rats and white-footed mice are the main reservoirs of the virus. Rodents shed the virus in their urine, droppings and saliva. The virus is mainly transmitted to humans when they breathe in air that is contaminated with the virus.

The Centers of Disease Control says that the disease may also be spread by rodent bites, when people touch something which has been contaminated and by eating contaminated food. The types of Hantavirus found in the U.S. cannot be transmitted from one person to another.

Rodent infestations, in and around homes, are the

primary risk for Hantavirus exposure. Anyone who comes in contact with rodents that carry Hantavirus is at risk of becoming infected. It is very important that you avoid any actions which will stir up dust, such as sweeping or vacuuming.

Here are some potential risk activities for HPS:

- Opening or cleaning cabins, sheds, barns, garages and storage facilities which have been unused for sometime.
- Cleaning in or around a rodent infested home can put you at risk.
- Construction, utility and pest control workers can be exposed if they work in attics, under homes or in vacant buildings with rodent infestations.
- Campers and hikers may be exposed if they use an infested shelter on the trail or if they camp in a rodent inhabited area.

What Are The Signs & Symptoms For HPS?

Based on current information, symptoms may develop between 1 and 5 weeks after exposure to fresh urine, droppings or saliva of infected rodents. Fatigue, fever and muscle aches are some of the early symptoms. About half of all HPS patients may also experience headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain.

The late symptoms of HPS appear about four to ten days
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60 Years Ago . . .

On November 1st, 1952, the U.S. successfully detonated the first hydrogen bomb in a test on the Pacific island of Elugelab, Marshal Islands. The explosion completely destroyed the island and today, it no longer exists.

Celebrating Mark Twain's Birthday!

"Don't go around saying that the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first".

Mark Twain, born November 30, 1835

Rave Review!

"I chose "Termite" Terry Pest Control, Inc. based upon the positive feedback from Angie's List. Skip Haffke came out to my home and performed a thorough examination of termites. Skip was extremely professional and has a lot of experience and knowledge in dealing with the termites. Skip provided all of the necessary information to me on the method to eradicate the termites along with an overview with the entire process. He provided me with a proposal that I thought was fair and appropriate.

Upon acceptance, he provided me with a owner's checklist, as well as a brochure from Dow Agro Sciences, the manufacturer of Vikane gas that detailed what California homeowners need to know about the product as well as the product bulletin. Skip also provided me with ample supplies of Nylofume bags used to protect food and other commodities during the fumigation process.

A crew of three arrived at our home on a Thursday morning September 6, 2012 around 10:30 AM. It was obvious to me that this crew was very experienced as they tented my two-story home in about two hours. They were very careful of my property and were very polite. I returned to my home on Saturday September 8, 2012 and the same crew arrived around 11:15 AM. Again, they were very efficient in the method in which they removed the tent, section by section. Upon completion, they cleaned up my yard, neatly folded their tenting sections and placed their equipment back onto their truck.

My overall experience was exceptionally positive from start to finish. I highly recommend that you use Termite Terry for your termite pest control needs."

Chris York
Mission Viejo

after the initial phase of illness. These include coughing and shortness of breath as the lungs fill with fluid. HPS can be fatal and has a mortality rate of 38%. There is no cure for HPS.

How You Can Help Prevent Rodent Diseases In And Around Your Home Or Business:

- Start by sealing all holes, inside and outside to prevent entry by rats and mice. Remember, a mouse only needs a hole of ¼ inch to gain access. Rats can crawl through holes the size of a dime!
- You really need to clean up potential food sources and eliminate nesting sites which will attract rodents.
- It is really important to clean up rat and mouse droppings. **NOTE: Before rodent droppings are cleaned up, it is very important to treat these areas with a special virucide. Carefully remove contaminated material and dispose of it in accordance with local requirements.**
- Check for nesting materials where they might want to "hang out". Clean up these areas and throw out stuff like old clothing, rags, scrap carpet and clutter. **NOTE: Use a special virucide. Carefully remove contaminated material and dispose of it in accordance with local requirements.**
- Look for evidence of gnawing and chewing on food packaging or on your structures. If you see this happening, you'll know where you really need to focus your attention.

Once you've got all the holes sealed and everything is cleaned up, "Termite" Terry recommends you should use traps to eliminate any of these pests which may be left inside your home or business. It is really important to use the correct type of trap. His favorites are the "wooden" types of traps which are available at most hardware stores. Be careful when placing traps and make sure they are out of reach for children and pets!!

Are you having a problem with mice or rats and need help? **Call our**

office at (949) 631-7348 and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Remote-Controlled Cockroaches?

If you're like most people and saw a cockroach, you would be revulsed at the sight. But, how would you feel if you were trapped inside of a collapsed building or mine and rescuers had sent in a cockroach to find you?

Researchers at North Carolina State University say they can harness the cockroach's uncanny survivability in ways that might someday benefit humanity.

"The trick is to fire wireless signals at a roach's antennae and other sensory organs to guide it to a desired destination", says Alper Bozkurt, an assistant professor in the University's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Bozkurt, working with doctoral candidate Tahmid Latif, installed a device that looks like a backpack on a Madagascar hissing roach. The backpack contains a thin printed circuit board with a microcontroller, a wireless receiver, miniature plugs for connecting stimulation electrodes and a lithium-ion polymer battery.

"What we do is similar to riding a horse," Bozkurt says. "The roach walks naturally, and we simulate barriers by sending pulses to its antenna. They use their antenna as touch sensors, so stimulation on one side directs these insects toward the opposite direction."

Designing a robot at that scale is very challenging and the researchers see remote-controlled roaches as an alternative. Their next step is to miniaturize the backpack even further and gain more precise control of movement.

"Termite" Terry says, "It's hard to imagine, but someday you may shout with joy when you see a cockroach!"



The FTC Nails Two Companies For Marketing Unproven Products!

The Federal Trade Commission has filed deceptive advertising charges against two companies that market products which contain natural ingredients, such as cinnamon and cedar oil. These companies allegedly failed to back up their exaggerated claims that their products could prevent and eliminate bed bugs. One of these companies also allegedly made misleading claims that their products were effective against head lice.

In the first case, the RMB Group, LLC and its principals have agreed to settle the charges relating to their "Rest Easy" bed bug products. In the other case, the FTC is beginning litigation against Cedarcide Industries, Inc. and others. The FTC is challenging their marketing of "Best Yet!" bed bug and head lice treatments.

Bed bugs are a growing health concern. Unfortunately, many consumers are unaware of the complex measures needed to prevent and control them.

The FTC recommends you read their publication, **"Good Night, Sleep Tight, and Don't Let The Bed Bugs Bite . . . Your Wallet"**. They also urge parents to carefully research products that claim to treat head lice.

Another great information source is Termite Terry's Special Report, **"Everything You Need To Know About Bed Bugs!"** This report normally sells for \$29.95 but is free to clients and friends of Termite Terry Pest Control. You can download your free copy at www.termiteterry.com. Look for the free download button on our home page.

Bed bugs are by far and away the most difficult pest we have to deal with today. Do you have a problem with bed bugs? **Call our office at (949) 631-7348** and we'll be glad to assist.

The President's Economic Stimulus

The elections will soon be over and President "Termite" Terry is going back to work to prove his economic stimulus plan works.

Here are just a few who are enjoying his stimulus plan:

- Charles & Bonnie Ullmann, of Huntington Beach (H.B.) referred us to Kristina MacDonald of H.B.
- Meridith Tsunehara of H.B. referred us to John Kennedy of H.B.
- Vinh Trinh of Yorba Linda referred us to John Chiu of Los Angeles.
- Dan Fisher of H.B. referred us to Paul Janich of H.B.
- Catherine Lorio of Long Beach referred us to Carol Myler, also of Long Beach.

All of these fine citizens who referred our services to their friends and neighbors will receive a **FREE 50.00 Gas Card**.

Do you know someone in your family, circle of friends or a neighbor who needs termite treatments, repairs or a regular pest control service? All you have to do is to refer them to our company and if they hire us, you'll get your own **FREE 50.00 Gas Card! This is real economic stimulus that works for you!**



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November Is National American Indian Heritage Month

On November 14, 1990, President George H.W. Bush proclaimed the month of November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month. In his proclamation he said, *"I encourage all Americans and their elected representatives at the Federal, State and local levels to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities"*.

Princess Pale Moon, President of the American Indian Heritage Foundation, had dreamed for years that a special commemorative month would be dedicated especially to Native people. She had noted the great success of Black History Month and she believed that Native people also deserved to have a front row seat in the media.

In the spring of 1990, Pale Moon met with Congressman Eni Faleomavaega. He agreed that a tribute was long overdue and he introduced a bill to the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Daniel Inouye was asked to introduce the bill to the Senate. They worked together and the bill was signed into law on November 14, 1990.

President Bush went on to say in his proclamation, *"During the National American Indian Heritage Month, as we celebrate the fascinating history and time-honored traditions of Native Americans, we also look to the future. Our Constitution affirms a special relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes and – despite a number of conflicts, inequities, and changes over the years – our unique government to government relationship has endured. In recent years, we have strengthened and renewed this relationship. Today we reaffirm our support for increased Indian control over tribal government affairs, and we look forward to still greater economic independence and self sufficiency for Native Americans"*.

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Another Fume Gone Bad!

It was a nice afternoon and I was driving back from an inspection on the Balboa Peninsula when I saw one of our competitor's fumigation tents on a home. At first glance it appeared like they did a pretty good job. I was still curious, so I stopped to take a look.

I got out of my truck and walked around the house. Everything looked pretty good until I walked around to the back of the home. This home had a wooden deck at the rear door that measured about 10ft long, 6ft wide and about 8 inches thick. It is also important for you to know that this wooden deck was completely hollow.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW - THEY LAYED THE TENT RIGHT OVER THIS HOLLOW WOOD DECK! In other words, it was as if they had a **10 foot long hole in the tent.** I'm sure that all the gas leaked out of that house within minutes!!

That's terrible! This poor homeowner paid to have his home fumigated and he is still going to have a termite problem because all of the gas leaked out!

Ladies and gentlemen, when you're looking to have your home fumigated, I know that many of you are concerned about price. But, a case like this is a perfect example of why **it is so much more important to be concerned about the quality of the job.** What good is a fumigation if it isn't going to solve your problem?? I know the **big company** that did this job guarantees their work. But, how many times do you want to pack up and move out of your home for a fumigation?? Wouldn't you rather have the job done right the first time??

At Termite Terry, this will never happen because we carefully supervise our jobs. But, if we do make a mistake, not only will we come back and re-fumigate your home for free, we'll also **give all your money back!** That's right! **We'll get rid of all your termites or your treatment is free!** If you need to have your home fumigated, don't take chances with the *"El Cheapo"* guy. **Take the sure bet and call Termite Terry Pest Control!**



"Termite" Terry Singleton