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Life In The Year 1916

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a great time during the holidays. Do you have a lot of plans for 2016? Before you start worrying about all you have to do, let's go back and see what life was like back in 1916:

- The average life expectancy for men was 49.6 years and for women, it was 54.3 years.
- The U.S. population had reached 102 million
- There were 3.4 million cars registered in the U.S.
- The price of a new Model T Ford dropped to \$360.00!
- 1916 was the year that the tow truck was invented by Ernest Holmes, Sr., of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He worked in a garage and was inspired to create the invention after he had to pull a car out of a creek with ropes and six men.
- What did union workers in New York City earn? According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics:
 - Brick layers earned 75 cents per hour
 - Carpenters earned 62 cents per hour
 - Painters earned 62 cents per hour
 - Plumbers earned 69 cents per hour
 - Structural steel workers earned 63 cents per hour
- The number one song title in 1916 was "Somewhere a voice is calling", by John McCormack.
- Clarence Saunders opened the first supermarket in 1916 and it was named "Piggly Wiggly". Prior to this, customers would shop at a general store where a clerk behind the counter would fetch items in limited quantity for customers. With his new self-service grocery store, customers were able to choose from a wider selection of goods at competitive prices.

- The hamburger bun was invented in 1916 by a fry cook named Walter Anderson. Mr. Anderson went on to cofound the first hamburger chain, White Castle, in 1921.
- About 60 percent of children were enrolled in school.
- Only 13 percent of students earned a high school diploma.
- California's minimum wage was at 16 cents per hour.
- The average prices for these items were:
 - Round steak sold for 25 cents a pound
 - Eggs were 38 cents a dozen
 - Milk was 36 cents per gallon
 - A loaf of bread was 8 cents
 - Coffee sold for 30 cents a pound
 - A ten pound bag of potatoes cost 25 cents
 - Gasoline was 22 cents a gallon
 - A first class postage stamp sold for 2 cents
 - A movie ticket cost 7 cents
- The price of silver was at 67 cents per ounce and gold was at \$20.67 per ounce.
- Few homes had indoor plumbing. It wasn't until 1940 that the number of homes with complete indoor

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30 Years Ago . . .

January 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after lift-off from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Christa McAuliffe, who would have been the first teacher in space, and six other astronauts were killed in the disaster.

Celebrating A Boxing Great

*"It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly,
waves pound the sand. I beat people up."*

Muhammad Ali, born January 17, 1942

Rave Reviews!

"We thought we had a flea infestation at a vacation home because of seeing and being bit by one a few weeks earlier. Because of having a major problem with fleas years ago at our home, we immediately logged on to Angie's List and booked a flea treatment with Termite Terry Pest Control. But, the morning of our scheduled appointment during our prep work, we called Termite Terry's office to let them know we could no longer find any fleas but still wanted to be sure.

The owner, Terry, and his co-worker came out and couldn't have been more professional and nicer. Terry did a thorough test and check of our carpets. Upon finding no evidence of any fleas, he cancelled our appointment and didn't charge us a dime, even for their time. It's hard now days to find honest, reputable, thorough and professional workers that are trust-worthy so we are more than pleased with Terry and his Termite Terry Pest Control company."

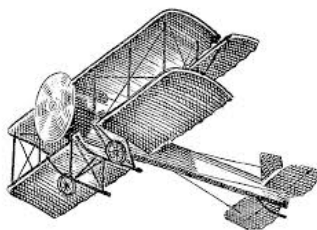
Diane and Van Kelsey,
Newport Beach

"Termite Terry did an awesome job when I had trouble with a bees nest in our attic. The bees were also getting into the house. Terry's tech took everything out and the bees never came back. I would recommend them to anyone and I know they do an awesome work. Special thanks to Terry and his staff."

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- plumbing reached 55 percent.
- For \$630.00, you could buy a two-story, three bedroom kit home from Sears. The kit included all the materials needed to build the house, including paint. Plumbing and heating were available at an extra charge.
- The children's toy, Lincoln Logs, was invented in 1916 by John L. Wright. He was a son of the famous American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.
- William Edward Boeing teamed up with Navy Lieutenant George C. Westervelt in 1914 to build the Bluebell seaplane. This was the first Boeing aircraft and its maiden flight was made in June of 1916.
- On January 1, 1916, Washington State University defeated Brown University in the first annual Tournament of Roses football game.
- In 1916, William J. Newton patented the toggle light switch that you see in almost every home. They were safe, reliable and durable, but produced a loud click when someone flipped the switch on or off.
- On the night of January 23, 1916, the temperature in Browning Montana dropped from 44 degrees to 56 degrees below zero!
- Edward Christopher Wente, of Bell Laboratories, invented the condenser microphone. This technology made it possible to start making long distance phone calls and condenser microphones are still used today for many different purposes.

We have come a long way in the last 100 years. I still don't know how they managed to exist without a radio, TV, smart phone or computer!



What Types Of Wood Do Termites Like To Eat?

The United States Department of Agriculture is looking for a better way to build structures with resistance to termites.

Agriculture Research Service entomologist already knew that the heartwood of some trees contain "allelochemicals", which can act as repellents and toxicants to insects. What they wanted to know is if boards of lumber had enough of these chemicals to have a real impact against termites.

In this study, researchers used commercial lumber from ten different species of wood. Those types tested were redwood, birch, spruce, southern yellow pine, red oak, Brazilian jatoba, Peruvian walnut, Honduran mahogany, teak and Alaskan yellow cedar.

During the tests, Formosan termites were given no choice but to consume just one variety of wood for six weeks.

Redwood, Brazilian jatoba, Peruvian walnut, Honduran mahogany, teak and Alaskan cedar showed some level of natural resistance and caused an average of better than 75 percent termite mortality. Southern yellow pine and spruce were the most palatable.

Teak was found to be the least palatable. In fact, termites had a significantly lower survival rate on a teak diet than compared to a group that was not fed at all (they call this starvation control). This is an indication there is something in teak that actively kills termites.

Results from the study also provided the first evidence that termites will eat, damage, and survive to some extent on Peruvian walnut. The amount of damage to Peruvian walnut was similar to the amount of damage found in birch and red oak.

"Our ranking could be a guideline when it comes to a choice

of lumber in major termite-ridden areas,” said Mary Cornelius of the Agriculture Research Service. “If the specific compounds in the resistant woods are identified, these chemicals could eventually offer the possibility of a natural treatment for wood to protect against termites.”

“Kissing Bugs” Have Arrived In California

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is reporting that an insect, known as the “kissing bug” has been spotted in California.

This pest is officially called the “triatomine bug” and it can carry a parasite called *Trypanosoma cruzi* (*T. cruzi*) which causes Chagas disease.

The CDC estimates that as many as eight million people in Mexico, Central America, and South America have Chagas disease. Most of these people do not know they are infected but if not treated, the infection is lifelong and can be life threatening.

Triatomine bugs become infected by biting an infected animal or person. After becoming infected, these pests pass *T. cruzi* parasites in their feces. Triatomines hide during the day and emerge at night. They tend to feed on people’s faces. After biting and ingesting blood, they defecate on the person. A person can become infected if *T. cruzi* parasites in the feces enter the body through mucous membranes or breaks in the skin. An unsuspecting person may accidentally scratch or rub the feces into the bite wound, eyes or mouth.

Triatomine bugs typically infest poor-quality dwellings and are most active at night. Those who sleep indoors, in well-constructed homes (for example, air-conditioned or screened rooms) are at low risk for infected triatomine bugs. The CDC says that preventative measures include treating infested dwellings

with residual insecticides, using treated bed nets, wearing protective clothing, and applying insect repellent to exposed skin.

The President’s Economic Stimulus Plan

The big election is coming up and President Termite Terry is out on the campaign trail touting his successful Economic Stimulus Plan. Here are just a few of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Julie Comella of Costa Mesa referred us to Debbie and Jerry Sollom of Mission Viejo.
- Kurt Jauert of Huntington Beach recommended our service to Maria Jones of Huntington Beach.
- Jim Brady of Huntington Beach referred Floyd Phillips of Huntington Beach.
- Rita Barrow of Lake Forest recommended our service to Gary Bozych of Lake Forest.
- Ari Alenog of Fullerton referred us to Phey Than of Fullerton.
- Tina Stolinsky of Laguna Niguel recommended us to Albert Viernen of Laguna Niguel.
- Mrs. Ferris of Los Alamitos referred us to Darlene Smith of Garden Grove.

The President’s plan is easy! All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we’ll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

January Is National Mentoring Month

National Mentoring Month was created by the Harvard School of Public Health and Mentor. Their goal was to focus national attention on the need for mentors and encourage individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and non-profits to work together to increase the number of mentors. By increasing the numbers of mentors, we will then be able to assure brighter futures for our young people.

Since its launch in 2002, National Mentoring Month has enjoyed the strong support of the U.S. President and Congress. Former President Bill Clinton, Clint Eastwood, Senator John McCain, Quincy Jones, Cal Ripkin, Jr., Bill Russell and General Colin Powell are just a few of the prominent individuals who have participated in the program.

10 Things To Do In January

1. Become a mentor in your community.
2. Learn more about mentoring.
3. Partner with a mentoring organization.
4. Tell 5 friends about National Mentoring Month.
5. Think about the mentors in your life and post a tribute to them online.
6. Watch videos of celebrities such as Quincy Jones, Sting, Cal Ripken, Jr. and hear them talk about mentors in their lives.
7. Read the latest research and find resources on mentoring.
8. Go to YouTube on “Thank Your Mentor Day” (January 21st) and make the National Mentoring Month videos the most popular of the day!
9. Serve your community on MLK Day of Service by deciding to become a mentor.
10. Make a donation to a mentoring organization in your community.

Take a moment and think about how others have helped you by serving as your mentors. Now, it’s your chance to make a difference. You never know what you might do or say that will have a life-long and positive impact on someone else’s life!

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What Type Of Fish Is In Your Sushi?

Many of us love eating sushi but the results of recent investigations may quell your appetite for this delicacy.

Investigators from the news show, Inside Edition, ordered sushi from 25 sushi restaurants in New York City and Los Angeles. They wrapped up samples of the sushi and sent them to a lab for DNA testing. The results; 68 percent of the samples turned out to be a different fish than they ordered.

Every time they ordered white tuna in New York City, the samples turned up to be a different type of fish. Escolar was the most popular substitute. This fish is sometimes called the "Ex-Lax Fish" because it can be hard to digest and cause intestinal problems.

When they ordered red snapper, 60 percent of the time another fish was substituted, usually with tilapia which is a less expensive, farm grown fish.

In another investigation, the San Diego City Attorney's Office convicted the operators of eight sushi restaurants for serving lobster rolls that didn't have any lobster in them. DNA testing revealed the substitution of various types of less expensive seafood, such as crawfish or Pollock. These restaurant owners received misdemeanor charges, although the charges could have been elevated to felonies if someone became ill or had an allergic reaction due to the substitution.

Next time you go out for sushi, you'll have to ask yourself what kind of fish is really on your plate. Odds are, it won't be what you ordered. If you really want sushi, you may have to play it safe and order something that is harder to fudge, such as salmon or shrimp.



"Termite" Terry Singleton