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A Retrospective View Of Life: 100 Years Ago

Happy New Year Everybody! 2011 will be a great year, we wish everyone the absolute best and we really do hope that you will be able to keep all of those New Year’s resolutions you’ve been making. But, before you get carried away with all that stuff, let’s spend a few minutes, go back and take a look at “What life in the U.S. was like 100 years ago”:

- The U.S. population reached 92 million. 13.5 million of our citizens were foreign born.
- Midwives still delivered half of all babies.
- The average U.S. worker earned less than \$15 per week for working 54 to 60 hours.
- Banks started making personal loans (No one knew what a credit card was back then.).
- Henry Ford sold 10,000 cars in 1910.
- Steel began replacing wood in U.S. car bodies.
- There were about 1,000 miles of paved roads.
- Barney Oldfield drove his car and set a speed record of 131.724 miles per hour.
- The first air flight for delivering freight was made in 1910.
- 70% of bread was baked at home. (Sliced bread had not yet been invented.)
- Aunt Jemima pancake flour was sold throughout the U.S. and became a year-round staple.
- An American dentist, Edward Angle, invented the

modern orthodontic braces (Most simply call them “braces”).

- Georges Claude set up a display of two 38 foot long neon signs at the Paris Expo and was credited with their invention.
- Americans were singing “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” and “Down by the Old Mill Stream”.
- In Los Angeles, California, Alice Stebbins Wells becomes the first police woman with the powers of arrest.
- The Girl Guides, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts and National 4-H Clubs were founded in 1910.
- Duncan Black, a tool-and-die cutter from Baltimore, sold his car for \$600, borrowed \$1,200 from a bank and went into a partnership with his fellow worker, Alonzo Decker. Today, we know their company as “Black and Decker”.

Now, if you’ll stop and think about it, we’re only talking about 100 years ago. Did you know that simple things like ball point pens, bras and band aids hadn’t been invented yet? And, you’re telling me that you still can’t live without your cell phones and computers?

Of course, we can only imagine what people will be saying about us 100 years from now. Oh my! What will life be like in 2111? Dream on and have a **Happy New Year!!**

Celebrating Amelia Earhart Day!

She was the first person (man or woman) to fly solo across the Pacific, on January 11, 1935. She was also the first woman to make a solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic, on May 20-21, 1932.

Muhammad Ali’s Birthday!

Celebrating the 3 time world heavyweight champion boxer who will always be remembered for his unorthodox fighting styles, such as, “Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee” and “Rope-a-dope”.

Born January 17, 1942

Rave Reviews!

Just wanted to let you know how our service went with your technician, D.J. We had found a black widow near our garage and called Termite Terry at our next door neighbor's recommendation. He came out and put us on a plan to service our property every other month. We didn't see another black widow after the first visit. We have kids and didn't want to worry about them getting bit. D.J. is very personable and even played with our dog. I will use Termite Terry again if I see any unusual critters around our house.

Amy Rosten
Newport Beach

Just a short letter to let you know that the tenting service your company recently performed went so much better than we even imagined. Tenting alone was a daunting prospect but from the beginning, which was the original inspection and easy to understand quote, to the final "all clear", it was handled efficiently and professionally by Joe Johnston and the fumigation team. We loved the written guarantee as well as the easy to understand and prompt way Joe addressed any concerns. Thank you again for making a difficult decision and process so much easier for us. We will refer your company to any family or friends looking for a termite solution and have done so already.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ramos
Lakewood



Horrible Blood-Sucking Disease Hits Uganda

The progression and symptoms of this disease seem straight out of a horror movie. At least 20 Ugandans have died and 20,000 more have been sickened in just two months.

Jiggers are the culprits in this epidemic. They are small insects which look like fleas. Jiggers often enter through the feet. Once they get inside a person's body, they suck blood, grow, breed and multiply by the hundreds. Then, affected body parts - buttocks, lips and eyelids start rotting away.

Uganda's minister of health, James Kakooza, tells us that jiggers can easily kill young children by sucking their blood. They can also kill adults who have other diseases. Most of those infected, cannot walk or work.

Dirty and dusty places are where these insects breed. Tungiasis is the medical name for this parasitic disease which is caused by the female sand fly burrowing through the skin. Besides sub-Saharan Africa, this disease exists in parts of Latin America and the Caribbean.

"It is an epidemic which we are fighting against and I am sure over time we will eradicate the jiggers," Kakooza said. He said health workers are telling residents of the 12 affected districts that jiggers thrive amid poor hygienic conditions.

"We are also telling them to use medicated soap. They can apply petrol and paraffin in places infested by jiggers and they die," Kakooza said.

Some affected by the disease, like Dakaba Kaala, think they are bewitched and simply wait to die instead doing anything about it. "For the last three years, I have been suffering from jiggers," the 60 year old said. "I lost two children killed by jiggers. They were sent to me by my neighbor who wants to grab my piece of land."

"It is common to find graves of whole families wiped away by jiggers," said Simon Wanjala, a ministry of health official in eastern

Uganda.

One million dollars has been allocated by the Ugandan government to fight this epidemic. Treatments will involve either removal of the insects or topical medication.

A Nigerian study conducted a few years ago concluded that raising pigs, having sand or clay floors inside the home or, having a resting place outside the home increased the chance of getting jiggers. They recommended wearing closed shoes and performing pest control treatments to help prevent infestations.

Tobacco – The New Green Pesticide

Researchers are looking for new uses of tobacco and one potential use they have found is that it will make an excellent "green" pesticide. Tobacco naturally contains nicotine that is toxic to a wide variety of insects.

"A green pesticide industry based on tobacco could provide additional income for farmers, and as well as a new eco-friendly pest control agent," said Cedric Briens and colleagues.

They are developing a way to convert tobacco leaves into pesticides by using pyrolysis. Pyrolysis is a process where they heat tobacco leaves to about 900 degrees Fahrenheit in a vacuum. This will produce an unrefined substance called bio-oil.

Tobacco oil has been tested against a wide variety of insect pest, 11 different fungi and four bacteria. It has also been tested against the Colorado potato beetle which is a major agricultural pest that is increasingly resistant to current insecticides.

Test showed that all of the beetles were killed. They also found that it blocked the growth of two types of bacteria and one fungus. Even after they removed all of the nicotine, the oil remained a

very effective pesticide.

Tobacco oil has the ability to block some, but not all of the microorganisms. This suggests that it may have additional value as a more selective pesticide than those products that are currently used.



Now, I want for you to think with me. Can you imagine the “Marlboro Man” riding up on his horse carrying a red and white bottle of Marlboro pesticide? Now, that will really be macho!!

Unlicensed Contractor Creates Huge Clouds of Lead-Paint Dust

A small town in Pennsylvania is dealing with potentially serious contamination of its air, water and residents after an unlicensed painting contractor unleashed huge clouds of lead dust while blast cleaning a building in the center of town.

“The paint dust was so thick at one point that a witness who saw it from two or three blocks away thought the building was on fire and rushed to help”, said Dave Meister, code and zoning officer for Danville, a community of about 5,000 in central Pennsylvania.

The unlicensed contractor was

blast-cleaning paint from the exterior of a 19th-century, three story, brick building, which is located on the town’s main street. This building has a photography studio at street level. Apartments are on the second and third levels.

No efforts were made by the contractor to contain any of the dust and debris. He simply let the wind carry the clouds of dust away and the rest was left lying on the ground. Meister asked the contractor what he had done for containment. The contractor naively replied, “You can’t contain this stuff, it just blows away.” Both the contractor and building owner assumed the building had no lead based paint.

Town officials sent paint samples to a lab for analysis and results showed the paint had lead levels far above the legal limit.

Rain washed much of the dust into the city storm drains but some of the paint chips remained.

The city has a 50-year old tradition of holding a long parade through town that draws thousands of spectators. Due to lead contamination, the parade had to be rerouted.

Officials found the contractor was unlicensed and was not certified in lead safe practices. The contractor was cited and banned from doing more work in the city.

The contractor will be facing the full brunt of the EPA’s Renovation, Repair and Painting rule enforcement. Fines are up to \$37,500 per day, per violation.

Folks, you don’t need this kind of attention. If you’re working on a home built before 1978, you must follow the EPA’s new Lead-Safe regulations. Need help with repairs? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we’ll be glad to assist.

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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Hoarding And Pest Control Problems

Recently, we were inspecting a home that had a severe infestation of German Roaches. The gentleman living there was a hoarder and you could barely get from one room to another because magazines, newspapers and numerous boxes of junk were piled up from floor to ceiling in every room. This place really smelled bad and most of the workers had to wear respirators to keep from throwing up.

I started my inspection in the bathroom. It was flooded because the bathtub and toilet were clogged. Cockroaches were everywhere. I told the owners that they were going to have to hire a plumber and get it cleaned up right away.

The kitchen had dirty dishes and rotting food everywhere. There were an enormous number of roaches. I couldn't believe it when I saw the kitchen counter. Originally, it was an avocado green color, but there were so many roaches and they had completely covered the counter with a thick layer of black roach droppings. I opened the fridge and found it filled with thousands of roaches, too! The bedroom wasn't any better. There were roaches and roach droppings all over his bed. This man had roach bites all over his body!

This is a very sad story and there is no reason why anyone should ever have to live in these conditions. Compulsive hoarding is no joke – It is a serious problem. If you know or hear of anyone living in these horrific conditions, may I suggest that you contact the hoarding task force which is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Orange County. Homes like this need to be cleaned out and almost everything thrown away.

Getting rid of all the bugs in these homes isn't easy. You'll need a serious plan and it's going to require a lot of work. Need help with pest control problems? Call us at (949) 631-7348 and we'll be glad to assist.



"Termite" Terry Singleton