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## California's Top Ten Pesticide Blunders

Everyone has heard David Letterman do a "Top 10 List" presentation on his late night television show. These lists are funny and his audience really loves them. Well, another person named Mary-Ann Warmerdam decided to get in on the act and she recently gave us her top ten list. She is the Director of California's Department of Pesticide Regulation and her presentation was a list of "California's Top Ten List of Pesticide Blunders".

Let me say up front that you are free to laugh if you want. But, her list is actually pretty scary because you won't believe how careless, and may I say how stupid, some people can be. Here we go:

1. Two mothers, in San Diego County, were chatting while their 2-year old and a baby played in the next room. One of the mothers heard sudden laughter in the room and went to check on the kids. She found the older child holding a can of insecticide and the baby's face covered with insecticide. The baby was given a bath and taken for medical care.
2. A resident in Fresno County somehow obtained a can of aluminum phosphide pellets that are intended for professional use only. The pellets were placed in a squirrel hole, located next to his garage and gas meter. Water was added to activate the pellets. A short while later, he noticed a strong odor coming from that area. He evacuated his family and called the fire department. His family had to stay away from the house for six

days to make sure all of the fumigant had dissipated. This product could have exploded, started a fire or killed someone. That is why it is for restricted use only and why you must have a special license to apply it.

3. A man in Kern County was drinking alcohol while spraying plants at his home. It was hot, he got thirsty and took a drink of pesticide from a measuring cup. The man spit it out and then vomited. He couldn't answer why the "ready to use" product was in a measuring cup.
4. In Riverside County, a man found ants in the bathroom when he went to take a shower. So, he set off a bug bomb, stayed in the bathroom and took his shower. When he got out of the shower, he inhaled the fumes from the bug bomb and developed symptoms.
5. A woman, in Riverside County, was walking around her yard late at night and found a soft drink bottle in her shed. She took a drink, noticed that it tasted bad so she assumed that it had gone bad. She threw it out. A couple of days later, she told her daughter that she had experienced symptoms. It turns out that the daughter knew the bottle contained an herbicide that she had got from her friend, the gardener. The bottle had a label on it that said "grass killer". Unfortunately, the mother couldn't read the label at night when she picked it up.
6. In Sacramento County, a relative went to his family and asked to borrow a bottle of bleach. The family

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### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Indianapolis 500!

The first Indianapolis 500 car race was held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1911 with 40 cars starting the event. Ray Harroun won the race at an average speed of 75mph, driving his 600 cubic inch Marmon Wasp.

### Celebrating 50 Years In Space!

*"It's a very sobering feeling to be up in space and realize that one's safety factor was determined by the lowest bidder on a government contract."*

Alan Shepard, the first American to fly in space on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1961.

## Rave Reviews!

*This “Yelping” is way overdue, as Termite Terry fumigated my house back in November. So, I bought a house and was in escrow. I was buying the house “as is” and although the seller’s had a termite inspection report from “xxx Termite”, when the regular home inspector went through, he found way more damage than “xxx termite”. So, I went and started calling around and saw good reviews on Yelp for Termite Terry. THANK GOODNESS the reviews were right. In the last week of escrow, the whole deal almost fell apart because, although a regular sale, the ex-husband was refusing to move out of the house. I already had given notice at my apartment and it was right before Thanksgiving to boot. When I called Termite Terry, I actually started the phone conversation with Ryan saying, “I have this impossible request, but is there any way ...” I needed them to start fumigation on Monday before Thanksgiving, have the tent off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and oh I can’t for sure have you do the work until escrow closes, which is supposed to be this Thursday (one week before Thanksgiving). Well, escrow closed at noon on Friday before Thanksgiving, and there was only half a day until the weekend. With only 24 hours notice from me, Ryan managed to get the gas company to shut off the gas and get the house tented early Monday, and had the tent down by noon on Wednesday. I started moving in on Thanksgiving without a hitch. And thank goodness I had the whole house tented instead of spot treatment like “xxx Termite” suggested – unknown to anyone, the house had cockroaches too and I found dead bodies all over once the house was opened up again. Eeeww!! Well, if they were dead, then it must have been a job done right. Thank you Termite Terry and Ryan for a “mission impossible” job done professionally and very well. I can’t thank you enough.*

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offered him the whole bottle. But, the relative didn’t want the whole bottle and insisted on pouring a little bit into a water bottle.

Someone called, he answered his phone and left in a hurry. Unfortunately, he forgot to take the water bottle that had bleach in it with him. The family’s 3-year old daughter grabbed the bottle and started drinking from it. Immediately, she started vomiting. The father of the child had to take her to the emergency room.

7. Another man in Sacramento bought an insecticide because he wanted to kill rats. He was going to mix the product with water but wound up getting the powder all over his face when he opened the packet. He went to wash up, however, he started developing symptoms. So, in order to make himself vomit, he stuck his finger, in his mouth (The finger may have had insecticide on it, as well.). The symptoms got worse and his wife had to take him for medical treatment.
8. In San Joaquin County, a man found ants in his barbecue, so he heavily doused it with bug spray. Later that night, he decided to grill some burgers. In only minutes after eating the meat, he started feeling sick and wound up vomiting all night long. He went to the doctor the next day.
9. Another man, in San Joaquin County, stood on a stool so he could spray insecticide on some ants over his doorway, about three or four feet over his head. A few hours later, he got sick (He forgot that when you spray something straight up into the air, some of it will come straight down onto your face and into your eyes, nose and mouth.).
10. In Shasta County, a man was spraying for ants and needed to take a bathroom break. When he came back to his kitchen, he found his 2-year old son spraying the insecticide into their toaster. The

child had to be washed up and taken for medical care after he started vomiting.

**Ladies and gentlemen, if you are going to do your own pest control, you’ve got to be more careful than this!**

“Pesticides are designed to control or kill ants, spiders, weeds and other pests,” said Mary-Ann Warmerdam. “I cannot stress enough how important it is to select products that best target the problem. Then follow the label instructions carefully to prevent anyone from getting sick or hurt.”

She went on to encourage consumers to take these extra precautions to prevent pesticide exposure in and around the home:

- Store pesticides properly to keep them away from children and adults who are unable to recognize pesticide containers.
- Keep pesticides in their original containers so no one mistakes them for food or drink. Never put pesticides in food or drink containers.
- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners. This can form a toxic gas.

“Termite” Terry says that he frequently sees homeowners making these kinds of mistakes and that he is horrified when he finds children in homes being exposed to these dangers. He says there is no reason why anyone should risk the lives of others, just to save a few bucks. “If you can’t read and follow instructions, do yourself and your family a favor by hiring a professional. Besides, the products that you’re buying from the store usually don’t work that well and are far more dangerous than our modern, professional products,” said Termite Terry.

Do you have a pest control problem at your home or business? **Call our office at (949) 631-7348** and we’ll schedule an appointment for you at your convenience.

## Motel Guests Bite Back!

Three women stayed at a motel in Glendale for three nights and are claiming they were bitten dozens of times by bedbugs.

They have filed suit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against the motel and its franchiser. Trial is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ladies are seeking restitution for medical expenses and mental anguish.

"We feel the bed bugs have been there for a while," The women's attorney, Lourdes DeArmas, said. "They knew about the bed bugs, but they continued to rent out the room."

## Illegal, Harmful Pesticides Sold Online!

The EPA recently announced that more than 2,800 customers in the U.S. have been warned about the risk associated with banned pesticides in an ant control product they purchased online. The product, known as "Fast Ant Bait", contains mirex - a substance that was banned in 1978 because it can cause liver, skin, reproductive and nerve damage.

Directions and precautions on the product's label were written entirely in Chinese. The online marketers did provide a small paper with instructions and precautions in English, however, they were very limited and did not meet labeling and safety standards required by the EPA.

"Illegal pesticides are often much more toxic than approved pesticides," said Steve Owens, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. "When the EPA takes a pesticide off the market, it means that pesticide was not safe. Consumers should use only EPA-registered

pesticides and always follow the label directions to ensure their safety."

The Washington State Department of Health reported that a woman became ill after using this product in her home. Once the EPA became aware of this problem, they notified and warned three online companies to cease processing orders. In cooperation with the EPA, these companies provided information which allowed the agency to contact those who purchased the product. Consumers were then warned of the dangers of this product and how to properly dispose of it.

EPA officials also discovered another illegal product, known as "Antimos Mosquito Repellant", being sold online by these marketers. This product is not registered by the EPA and they encourage anyone who purchased this product to dispose of it properly.

Termite Terry says, "In today's world, it just doesn't make sense to use products in your homes that are this dangerous. The latest pest control products we have in stock work unbelievably well and are so much safer to use. In fact, some of these products are considered to be eco-exempt by the EPA because they represent little or no risk to humans. The next time you see pharmaceuticals advertised on television, pay attention and listen to all of the harmful side-effects that these products have. And then, read the labels on some of our newest pest control products where they say there are no known harmful side effects on humans. I never dreamed I'd say this, but someday, it may be safer to call an exterminator than to go to your own doctor!"

## May Is National Fibromyalgia Education And Awareness Month!

Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain disorder that affects an estimated 10 million people in the U.S. and an estimated 3-6% of the world's population. While fibromyalgia (FM) occurs in men and children of all ethnic groups, 75-90% of those that have this disorder are women.

Chronic widespread body pain is the primary symptom of FM. Most that have this syndrome experience moderate to extreme fatigue, sleep disturbances and cognitive difficulties. They will also find they are sensitive to touch, light and sound. Many will also have a number of symptoms and conditions that overlap, such as irritable bowel syndrome, lupus and arthritis.

For those with FM, one of the main factors in improving the symptoms is for them to recognize the need for lifestyle adaption and change. It is important to find a physician who is knowledgeable about the diagnoses and treatment of FM. Alternative treatments, such as nutrition, relaxation techniques and exercise can play a big role in FM management, as well. Patients should, with the input of their healthcare practitioner, establish a multifaceted and individualized approach that works for them.

There is currently no cure for FM but better ways better ways to diagnose and treat the chronic pain disorder are being developed. Three medications for the treatment of FM have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration since June of 2007. Others are currently in development. Research is expanding. In 1990, approximately 200 research papers were published. Today, we have more than 4,000 published reports.

FM remains a challenging condition, however, with what we've learned in the last decade, patients can now experience a significant improvement in their quality of life.

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## Episode Of The "Rat Mobile"

Once upon a time, there was a man who decided to put bird seed on top of his roof so he could feed his neighborhood's birds. He likes birds and seeing them all come over to eat his food really made him happy.

Everything was alright with our "birdman" until one evening, when he heard a loud ruckus on top of his roof. He looked up there to see what was going on and saw a bunch of rats eating his bird food. The "birdman" likes all animals and he didn't want to harm the rats. So, he installed a "live cage trap" on his roof. The next morning, he checked the trap and found there were two live rats in the cage.

The "birdman" took the cage with the two rats inside of it and put it in the back seat of his nice car. Unfortunately, the rats were able to slither out of the cage. They started running around inside of the car while he was driving and eventually wound up hiding under the car's dash.

Our "birdman" tried and tried for days to catch the rats in his cage, but had no luck. Meanwhile, the rats were chewing up his car. He decided it was time to hire a professional to get the rats out of there. Of all the pest control companies he called, only David Salamin of "Termite Terry" Pest Control, would offer to help.

Dave went over to look at the birdman's "rat mobile" and came up with a strategy. He installed our traps and by the following morning, both rats were caught and the "birdman's" problems were over.

Ladies and gentlemen; Even with everything man has done to get rid of rats, there are more rats on earth today than at anytime in history. If you have a rat problem, call us at (949) 631-7348 and we'll take care of your problem. I can't get rid of every rat in your city, but we will keep them out of your home and cars!



"Termite" Terry Singleton