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## The Golden Cobwebs

*I am going to tell you a story about something wonderful that happened to a Christmas tree like this, ever and ever so long ago, when it was once upon a time.*

*It was before Christmas, and the tree was all trimmed with pop-corn and silver nuts and pretty glass balls and little wooden toys, and stood safely out of sight in a room where the doors were locked, so that the children should not see it before it was time. But ever so many other little house-people had seen it. The big black pussy saw it with her great green eyes; the little gray kitty saw it with her little blue eyes; the kind house-dog saw it with his steady brown eyes; the yellow canary saw it with his wise, bright eyes. Even the wee, wee mice that were so afraid of the cat had peeped one peek when no one was by.*

*But there was some one who hadn't seen the Christmas tree. It was the little gray spider!*

*You see, the spiders lived in the corners – the warm corners of the sunny attic and the dark corners of the nice cellar. And they were expecting to see the Christmas Tree as much as anybody. But just before Christmas a great cleaning-up began in the house. The house-mother came sweeping and dusting and wiping and scrubbing, to make everything grand and clean for the Christ-child's birthday. Her broom went into all the corners, poke, poke, poke – and of course the spiders had to run! Not one could stay in the house while the Christmas cleanness lasted. So, you*

*see, they couldn't see the Christmas tree.*

*Spiders like to know all about everything, and see all there is to see, and they were very sad. So at last they went to the Christ-child and told him all about it.*

*"All the others see the Christmas Tree, dear Christ-child," they said; "but we, who are so domestic and so fond of beautiful things, we are cleaned up! We cannot see it at all."*

*The Christ-child was very sorry for the little spiders when he heard this, and he said they should see the Christmas Tree.*

*The day before Christmas when nobody was noticing, he let them all go in, to look as long as they ever liked.*

*They came creepy, creepy, creepy, down the attic stairs, creepy, creepy, creepy, up the cellar stairs, creepy, creepy, creepy, along the halls – and into the beautiful room. The fat mother spiders and the old papa spiders were there, and all the little teenty, tonty, curly spiders, the baby ones. And then they looked! Round and round the Tree they crawled, and looked and looked and looked. Oh what a good time they had! They thought it was perfectly beautiful. And when they looked at everything they could see from the floor, they started up the Tree to see some more. All over the tree they ran, creepy, crawly, looking*  
*(turn the page)*

### 75 Years Ago . . .

On December 12, 1946, Tide laundry detergent was introduced in the USA. It was initially sold in a few test markets but expanded nationwide by 1949. Today, it is the highest selling brand in the world.

### Celebrating An NBA Great

*"I've got a theory that if you give 100% all of the time, somehow things will work out in the end."*

Larry Bird, born December 7, 1956

# Rave Reviews!

*"We have been using your pest control services for the last seven years.*

*I really appreciate how your technician explained to me about what products he uses, and how to maintain their maximum effectiveness. I also like that he told us when pets can come out after treatments, and when to water our landscaping.*

*I have no more ants, earwigs or spiders in my house. No more ants in my yard. When we moved here, we thought we were living on an ant hill! Ants were in our upstairs bedroom and closet for no reason. We are now free from the ants running of our house, and yard, too."*

Nicki Ehrke, retired RN  
Dana Point

*"We have been using Termite Terry's service for over twelve years, and it has been a positive experience.*

*One of the things I really appreciate was when we had a big problem with ants in our kitchen and living room. We called and Termite Terry came out quickly. He safely took care of the problem and the ants are gone. We appreciate them fitting us into a gap in their busy schedule."*

Lita O'Connell  
Fountain Valley

*"We were having an ant problem. I had Termite Terry's Pest Control come out and spray. We haven't had one issue since."*

Vanessa Bittner  
Costa Mesa

*at every single thing. Up and down, in and out, over every branch and twig the little spiders ran, and saw every one of the pretty things up close.*

*They stayed until they had seen all there was to see, you may be sure, and then they went away at last, quite happy.*

*Then, in the still, dark night before Christmas day, the dear Christ-child came, to bless the Tree for the Children. But when he looked at it – what do you suppose? – it was covered with cobwebs! Everywhere the little spiders had been they had left a spider-web; and you know they had been just about everywhere. So the Tree was covered from its trunk to its tip with spider-webs, all hanging from the branches and looped around the twigs; it was a strange sight.*

*What could the Christ-child do? He knew that house-mothers do not like cobwebs; it would never, never do to have a Christmas Tree covered with those. No, indeed.*

*So the dear Christ-child touched the spider's webs, and turned them all to gold! Wasn't that a lovely trimming? They shone and shone, all over the beautiful Tree. And that is the way the Christmas Tree came to have golden cobwebs on it.*

Author Unknown



## Termite Terry Is A Guest Speaker At UC Riverside's Fume School

Dong-Hwan Choe, PH.D., Michael Rust, PH.D., and Chow-Yang Lee, PH.D., were this year's featured speakers at UC Riverside's Fume School. Our own Termite Terry was also honored with an invitation to be a guest speaker at the two-day event.

On the first day of the event, Termite Terry gave a Power Point presentation titled, "How to Measure Structures for Fumigations". This is a very important subject and his message was very well received by the attendees.



Termite Terry also gave hands-on training to five separate groups on the event's second day. During these presentations, he discussed interior preparations needed for fumigations, and how to properly bag food and commodities. Again, the attendees appreciated what he had to say, and they responded with numerous questions and comments.

"Schools like this are a great way to further our education", Termite Terry later said. "When you are in the room with all of these PH. Ds, entomologists, state regulators, and manufacturer's

reps, there is an awesome amount of knowledge to draw from. We all have so much more to learn and it reminds us all that we need to continue being good students of the industry.”

## West Nile Virus Update

There have been 106 human cases of West Nile Virus in California this year, and it has resulted in 11 deaths.

The virus is transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Those at greatest risk include seniors and people with a compromised immune system.

Mosquitoes often get the West Nile Virus from birds. Dead bird reports are one way of tracking where the virus could be spreading. If you find a dead bird, please contact the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. There is no charge for their services and your help may go a long way in protecting your community.

The District is also asking for you to remove any standing water around your home. Some places to check are flower pots, saucers, old car tires and children’s toys. And, don’t forget to check your rain gutters to make sure they are clean and draining properly.

They also recommend that you protect yourself by using a mosquito repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Consider wearing long-sleeved clothes and pants when outside.

## President’s Economic Stimulus

Gasoline prices are now at their highest levels since 2012. Termite Terry wants to help “ease your pain” by giving you a FREE tank of gas.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from President Termite Terry’s

### Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Thomas Whitelaw of San Clemente referred us to Alexa Schmidt of Mission Viejo.
- Jason Shelton of Rancho Santa Margarita recommended us to Mike Jones of Laguna Niguel.
- Tracy McCarthy of Newport Beach referred us to Briana McCarthy of Newport Beach.
- Kevin Harold of Redondo Beach referred us to Susan Malecki of Long Beach.
- Susan Malecki of Long Beach then turned around and referred us to Amy Graham Fitch of Long Beach.
- Joel Merrick of Newport Beach recommended our services to Nathan Holthouser of Glendale.
- Susan Malecki of Long Beach loves getting free gasoline so she referred us to Leyda Chacon of Long Beach.
- Jason Shelton of Rancho Santa Margarita wanted a second tank of gas so he referred us to Daren Billings of Rancho Santa Margarita.
- April Jones of Coto de Caza recommended our services to Emily Vadas of Trabuco Canyon.

The President’s plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. 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!

## Fun Christmas Facts!

Christmas is a very special time of year to celebrate. Here are some fun facts about the holiday that you can share with your family and friends:

- Santa is having a hard time keeping up. This year, the US Postal service expects to help him by delivering over 200 million packages.
- The Montgomery Ward department store created Rudolph the Reindeer to help them market Christmas coloring books. However, the original Rudolph did not have a red nose. Back in those days, red noses were seen as an indicator of chronic alcoholism, and Montgomery Wards didn’t want him to look like a drunk!
- Thomas Edison created the first string of lights in 1880. He and his business partner, Edward H. Johnson, were the first to wrap a string of lights around a Christmas tree in 1882.
- Jingle Bells was the first song ever to be sung by astronauts in space. Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra did the singing on December 16, 1965.
- America’s first batch of eggnog was made in the Jamestown settlement, in 1607. In those days, rum was referred to as “grog”. The drink was first called “egg-n-grog”, and later it became known as eggnog.
- The Germans invented tinsel in 1610, and it was originally spun from real silver. Lead tinsel was later used for decades, until the US banned it in 1971. Don’t worry, all of our tinsel is now made of plastic.
- Bicycle, the US playing card company gave boxes of cards to POWs in Germany, during WWII, as Christmas presents. When those cards were soaked in water, they revealed an escape route. The Nazis never had a clue!
- Some say that Paul McCartney’s Christmas song is the worst song he ever recorded. But he still earns over \$400,000 a year from it!

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## **Hotel Evacuated After Women Set Off A Bug Bomb!**

A bug bomb was set off in a hotel room causing a partial evacuation of the hotel, and two people being sent to the hospital.

Firefighters received a call when the fire alarms went off in the hotel. Smoke could be seen coming out of room 409. Fire officials later confirmed that the smoke was caused by a bug bomb that had been set off in the room.

Firefighters evacuated everyone from the fourth floor of the hotel. The two women, who set off the bug bomb, were treated in a fire department ambulance for symptoms of smoke inhalation. It was apparent that they had inhaled the chemical fumes and were suffering from exposure. They were later transported to a hospital for treatment.

This particular hotel had sealed windows that could not be opened. Since the chemicals used in bug bombs are not safe for humans to breathe, firefighters had to install special exhaust fans inside of the hotel. The fans were set up to direct the fumes down the stairwell, and out of the building.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you’re ever in a hotel and have a problem with insect pests, how about calling the front desk and asking for room service? Please, don’t ever set off a bug bomb in a hotel!

I am not a fan of using bug bombs. Research has shown they are not very effective and that they can be dangerous. Once they have been set off, every surface in the entire room will have chemical residue on it. The contents of these bug bombs are also highly flammable. If you still insist on using one of these devices, you’ll need to carefully follow the manufacturer’s instructions, and please don’t stay in the room and inhale this stuff – it can make you very sick!



“Termite” Terry Singleton