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## The Case Of The Perpetual Ants

It was a beautiful day in Orange County when a homeowner called Termite Terry. The owner said, "I've got a bad ant problem at my house. I have tried my best to get rid of them, but everything I do seems to make things worse. That's why I'm calling you; I need your help!"

When Termite Terry arrived at the home, he asked if the owner would show him around the home so he could see where the ants were located. As they toured the home, ants could be seen in almost every room. Even some of the rooms on the second story were infested!

After looking around, Termite Terry said to himself, "This is bad, really bad!" He could already feel a tension headache coming on because he knew this would be a very tough problem to solve. Terry went back to his truck so he could get the tools and begin the treatment.

While touring the home with the owner, one of the worst areas he saw was in the master bath on the first floor, so he figured this would be a good place to start. The ants were in the large bathtub, and they appeared to be going into the tub drain for water. Ants need water for their survival, so it is common to see them entering structures to look for sources of moisture.

Terry got down on his hands and knees, and started watching the ants. He followed the trail and he could see that they were heading toward the bathroom door. From there, he could see they were coming from the exterior door in the adjacent room. This was a large trail of ants,

and they could be seen emerging from a crack between the door's jamb and the threshold. This was an interesting situation because no ants could be seen on the outside of the house, anywhere.

Termite Terry prefers to do "crack & crevice" treatments on the interiors of homes because he doesn't want the family or pets to be exposed to pesticides. So, he took out his "injection needle" and carefully put it in the crack between the door jamb and threshold. He saturated this cavity with a "non-repellant" product that doesn't have a smell or taste. This product is slow acting, but when applied correctly, he knew they would take it back to the colony, and hopefully eliminate them all.

The next place he looked at was the first story hall bath. There, he could see ants coming out from under the bathroom door jamb, and going into the bathtub. The ants were also coming out from under the toilet, and climbing into the toilet for water. He carefully treated the crack under the jamb, and the joint between the toilet and floor.

The kitchen sink was next to be treated. Ants were found to be coming up around the sink drain, and the water supply lines.

Termite Terry continued, inspecting and treating every room in the home where he could find ants.

At this point, it was becoming obvious that there were a number of ant colonies living under this home. No signs of  
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### 70 Years Ago . . .

March 27, 1955, NBC opened the world's first color television studio facility in Burbank, California. They named this new studio "Color City".

### Celebrating Captain Kirk

*"I think of doing a series as very hard work. But then I've talked to coal miners, and that's really hard work."*

William Shatner, Born March 22, 1931

# Rave Reviews!

*"I really appreciate Termite Terry's thoroughness with treating our apartment for a minor cockroach issue. After treatment, and once we determined that the infestation was under control, he continues to return and replace baits as a preventative measure. He goes above and beyond! I highly recommend his service."*

Katie Francel  
Costa Mesa

*"Alex Sanchez is a professional. He always is polite and is very knowledgeable about our pest management work."*

Susan Livingston  
Corona Del Mar

*"Termite Terry set out rat traps yesterday, and caught them today. Excellent service, thank you!"*

Gary Goodall  
Huntington Beach

*"Terry came by and found the pest problem in our pantry without hesitation. I'm sorry I was not at home at the time. My husband was very happy with the results. Please thank Terry for being so proficient. Happy New Year!"*

Sheila Gershwin  
Huntington Beach

*"Terry did a great overview, with an in-depth explanation of their method of treatment. A thorough inspection was done in all rooms involved. Treatment of all areas, inside and outside, were performed. Very professional!"*

Clifford Jordan  
Newport Beach

ants could be found anywhere on the outside of this home, but he went ahead and performed an exterior-perimeter treatment of the home, just in case.

Termite Terry finished with his work, and told the owner to be patient because it may take a few days for the ant problem to die down.

About a week later, the owner called Terry and said there were new signs of ants in the kitchen and laundry room.



"Termite" Terry  
as Columbo

Termite Terry investigated the kitchen, and he found a few ants near the sink. So, he did some more targeted-treatments in those areas.

The laundry room was next on his list. He could see a large trail of ants coming out from around the water valves where the washing machine lines hook up. This was new because this evidence was not there the week before.

It was evident that the ants were coming up from below the slab foundation, through gaps around the plumbing pipes. Terry had to pull out the washing machine to access the area. Once he got in behind the washer, he was able to treat around the plumbing pipes, and inside the wall void.

Termite Terry thought he had finally solved this case. But then, he got another call from the owner - they

were seeing ants back in the kitchen sink area.

Some of these ant cases can be very difficult to solve. So, Termite Terry went back to the house to look for more clues.

There were only a few ants crawling on the kitchen counter when he got there. For the longest time, he kept watching these ants but they seemed to be walking around in circles. He just couldn't figure out where they were coming from, or going to!

He went outside to see if any ants were out there, and went back inside to check again. Still, he found no answer to this problem. Termite Terry was now stumped.

"Gee, this case is driving me nuts! I know there are ants in here, so they've got to be coming from somewhere," Termite Terry said to himself.

Fortunately, the homeowner was not there to watch Termite Terry going back and forth, from the kitchen to the outside of the house.

On his last trip to the outside of the house, he stopped and stared at the exterior wall. That is when he took another look at the drain clean out that was located on the exterior wall. He got down on his knees to look closer at it. That is when the answer came to him and he said to himself, "I've got it! The ants have got to be coming up around the kitchen sink drain line, where it goes through the slab, and into the ground!"

Termite Terry went back into the house to find the owner. He took the owner outside, and showed him the area. He then asked the owner for permission to drill holes through the exterior wall, so he could treat the drain pipe area. The owner agreed, and Termite Terry went back to work.

Drilling holes through a home's stucco wall to perform a treatment is something that is rarely done. But, Terry carefully drilled two small holes through the wall, and

injected his product into the wall void. The small holes were repaired with small dabs of stucco so that no one would notice anything had ever been done there.

This case was finally solved, and no signs of ants have been found inside this home in over a year's time!

Do you have an ant problem at your home or business? **Call us at (949) 631-7348**, and we will schedule an appointment at your convenience.

## Agents Intercept Dozens Of Live Beetles At LAX

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents inspected a shipment and discovered 37 live beetles concealed inside multiple packages of Japanese snacks, potato chips, and chocolate. The contraband was shipped from Japan via air cargo, with a reported value of \$1,480.00

"They may look harmless but in reality, smuggled beetles pose a significant threat to our vital resources," said Cheryl M. Davies, CBP Director of Field Operations. "Beetles can become a serious pest by eating plants, leaves, and roots and by laying eggs on tree bark which damages our forests."

Exotic insects are popular with collectors and enthusiasts. The illegal trade of exotic insects can be quite profitable for those who are willing to circumvent our laws.

Before live insects can be imported into the U.S., a permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is required. Or, they will need a letter issued by the Plants, Pathogens and Biocontrol unit.

The seized beetles were turned over to USDA officials who will determine the final destination of these insects. They will likely be donated to local

Zoos, or be preserved as samples for insect collections.

## President's Economic Stimulus

The State of California is raising the taxes on gasoline this year, and they estimate the price you pay at the pump will go up about 65 cents per gallon. This is not good news for any of us! President Termite Terry "feels your pain" and wants to help by giving you a FREE tank of gas.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- David Smith of La Habra referred us to David Simeral of La Mirada
- Nancy Davidson of Costa Mesa referred us to Daniel Hoffman of Costa Mesa.
- David Rueter of Rancho Santa Margarita referred us to Barry Vaniel of Dana Point.
- Mathew Dougherty of Long Beach referred us to Jayne Starks of Long Beach.

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!



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## National Umbrella Month!

March is National Umbrella Month. It is always good to be prepared for the rain or sun, so let's look at some fun facts about umbrellas.

- The word umbrella comes from the Latin word *umbra*, which means shaded or shadow.
- The earliest known examples of umbrellas can be found in ancient Egyptian art from around 2450 BC. These were typically a fan of palm-leaves or colored feathers mounted on a long handle.
- Umbrellas were originally invented to protect people from the burning rays of the sun.
- In 1828, the Beehler Umbrella Factory became the first company to make umbrellas in the U.S. They had wooden poles, whale-bone ribs, and oiled canvas. In 1852, he switched to steel ribs.
- Around 1750, Jonas Hanway, of England, is credited as being one of the first men brave enough to carry an umbrella in public. Before that, they were viewed as a female fashion accessory.
- Umbrellas can be used as a weapon, or its shaft can hide a secret blade. Another example is when a Bulgarian dissident writer was assassinated, in 1978, by a KGB agent who carried a deadly poison in his modified umbrella.
- In the U.S., about 33 million umbrellas are sold each year.
- Over 80 percent of umbrellas sold in the world are made in China.
- Some umbrellas are made to be used as canes, or walking sticks.
- In 1923, the pocket (foldable) umbrella was invented by the Balogh brothers, of Hungary.
- Umbrellas are often used as a decoration for many exotic cocktails and drinks. So, if you order a drink tonight and see an umbrella on it, don't forget to say, "Cheers!"

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## **Drug-Addicted Rats Getting High In The Police Evidence Room**

Drug-addicted rats are enjoying some “high times” in an evidence room where they are eating narcotics that were seized by the police.

The police say there are hundreds of thousands of pounds of drugs stored as evidence, and some of it has been there for decades. According to reports, the rats seem to prefer marijuana and mushrooms.

During a recent news conference, the police chief showed reporters cocaine that was seized in 1996. He said of the suspect, “He pleaded to 20 years. He’s already out.” He also showed them a bag of marijuana from 1993 and said, “It just attracts rodents.”

“We’ve got 400,000 pounds of marijuana in storage,” said the mayor. “The rats are the only ones enjoying it.”

The District Attorney has decided it is time to clean up. They will now destroy evidence, from cleared cases, that was collected before 2015.

This is becoming a serious problem for the district attorney. Prosecutors have had to notify defense attorneys, representing 3,600 open cases, that rats have been eating drugs held in the evidence room. At this time, they only know of one case where the evidence was deemed compromised by rodents.

Ladies and gentlemen, as kids we all remember when some of our school classmates would tell the teacher that the dog ate their homework. Now, promise me that you won’t be surprised when one of these defense attorneys says, “The rats ate your evidence.” ☺



“Termite” Terry Singleton