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### Fake News and Safe Places - Part Two

I left you hanging last quarter with the fake news from the environmental groups so that they could scare the public into poor policies in relation to pesticides. I am a director of a pest control fraternity called Pi Chi Omega, whose all inclusive membership has consisted of some of the top people in the industry since it began with 6 entomologists 67 years ago. Today the fraternity has over 350 members.

Because the fraternity was formed at Purdue University in 1950, one annual meeting is always held at Purdue. During my brief stay there in January 2016, I was researching the archives still held in the entomology building (before being moved to the official Purdue library system where access rules are tougher). The entomology staff was nice and accommodating. I was reviewing and sifting through materials in the department heads' offices when he excitedly showed me a rendition of a sculpture of three people that would be placed in front of the combination "Entomology and Horticulture" building. (The original Entomology Hall that was my home for a few years when I was at school has been restored but is no longer home to the Entomology Department.) I could not believe what I saw. The people depicted were Rachel Carson, an environmentalist who is not associated with Purdue, J.J. Davis, the first Purdue Entomology Department head and John Osmun, the first Purdue Pest Control professor. Two individuals (J.J. and John) who highly respected pest control operators, and one person (Rachel) who thought pest control operator were going to kill the whole planet. Good grief.

Rachel Carson was a storyteller and as I mentioned last time, some pest control people said she was loose with the facts. I even gave you a book to read to prove it. I was sooooo distressed. I should have gone to one of the safe rooms on campuses today for upset students to play with play-doh and stuffed animals. Instead, I went to talk to the master mind, Tom Turpin, a respected teacher at Purdue. Naturally, I couldn't convince him to change the design, no matter my evidence of discord among those being depicted. But this did make me reflect on the past....

I was getting some summer credits in 1980 at UT Arlington when I took a government course taught by Allen Saxe. (You have probably heard him on the radio talking politics. Ann saw him talk at ARCO when she worked there and really enjoyed his lectures.) Of course I loved Reagan (I shook his hand at Purdue before he was President) and Allen Saxe was a liberal, so I kept my mouth shut in class because I just wanted to get out of his class and pass. I wish I spoken up. He might have appreciated an exciting exchange.

Well, I was in the back of my younger son Tyler's Ford Taurus while my older son Patrick rode shotgun as we travelled to the Collin

#### Pest of the Quarter:

Cicada Killer Wasp

Large wasp with yellow and black stripes on the back end (abdomen). These are solitary wasps and you are going to see a lot of them flying around the yard right now. They catch and sting a noisy cicada from a tree (some people call them locust, they are wrong), place the paralyzed cicada in a hole they have dug and lay eggs on the cicada for the larvae to eat when they hatch. Sounds like something Stephen King came up with. Buried alive and slowly being devoured.

County vehicle registration to get both their cars moved into their names. I was sharing my UTA story and my son Tyler, who has now finished his masters at UTA, told me that the students there do not think Allen Saxe is liberal enough.

There must be a mathematical formula when a liberal like Saxe and a conservative like me are no longer comfortable in their own universities. Since I was going to be on the UTA campus a couple times because of Tyler's graduation, I did try to reach out to Allen Saxe but never got a call back. Maybe we could reach some type of dialogue or consensus on today's political environment. I really wish I could go back to his class and say the things that needed to be said, at least in my view. If I ever do talk to him I will share the story in a future newsletter. - David

# **Millipede**



& Centipede



There are tarantula migrations and I know locusts swarm. This year I have seen the millipede migration into homes, and you may have as well. The books say control the moisture, but how do you stop the rain? It even gets too wet for insects and arthropods (insects have 6 legs so millipedes are not insects). To prevent large bug populations sometimes treatments before massive migrations may reduce the population before they enter the home.

If you ever have a possible bug or part of a bug PLEASE save it! That will help us to identify the problem more quickly, target the correct pest and begin treatment sooner. A-ALL PEST TERMITE EXTERMINATORS, INC. 972-241-5223

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We need to give credit where it is due. There is no way this company works in a vacuum. It take great employees and vendors to make our success happen. We put a lot of miles on our trucks, vans and cars everyday, and it takes a good mechanic to repair them when there are issues. We have been using Auto Clinique for 6 years now and they really do try to get us back on the road as fast as they can.

You have to realize that when a technician is out of his truck it is like a baseball player not having their favorite glove or helmet. Things just do not flow as easily. Robert, the main mechanic at Auto Clinique tries to give us a prompt diagnosis with details of how the fix will occur and the soonest we will have our truck back when a breakdown occurs.

No technician wants to be picked up in a wrecker, but with the help of Auto Clinique they eventually get their vehicle back and can drive to your home to solve all your pest problems.



