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A graphic for the May 2002 issue. The word "MAY" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font with a green outline. A small illustration of a person in a yellow outfit is positioned above the letter "A". To the right of "MAY" is the text "2002 Issue" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.



Lawn & Landscape Magazine News

Warm, Wet Winter Brings Bugs
- By Nicole Wisniewski
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This spring has brought an unusually large volume of client phone calls concerning insect problems in North Carolina turf, according to Rick Brandenburg, turfgrass entomologist, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.

"I don't necessarily think the insect problems are any more serious this year, but rather that some insects, such as cutworms, got a little earlier start," he said, pointing out that ground-dwelling bees have also been abundant during the past few weeks.

"The good rains have also moved insects such as grubs nearer to the soil surface making them more noticeable," Brandenburg added. "These grubs will only feed for a few more weeks before they pupate to form beetles that will emerge this summer."

Brandenburg recommended that lawn care operators make records of where they see grubs in the soil to help target preventive treatments, which are typically applied in early summer. "Give [these insects] a couple more weeks and they will go away on their own," he explained. "It is too early to speculate on the severity of insect problems this year, so scouting and monitoring are your best bets

against problems."

The Author is Managing Editor of Lawn & Landscape magazine. Monday, April 22, 2002

School IPM Week is 5-11

Thoughts...

If the world's a stage, where does the audience sit?

They say if you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat down your door. But usually it's just one neighbor, and he'll probably quit once you stop throwing dead mice in his yard.

I was once in a spelling bee, but I lost because the other contestants cheated.

Few women admit their age; few men act it.

Why do "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?

Why is it when 2 planes almost hit each other it is called a "near miss"? Shouldn't it be called a "near hit"?

Why do light switches say "on/off"? When it's on, you can see it's on, and when it's off, you can't see to read it.

Creative clutter is better than idle neatness.

From Pest Control Mag: Prohibit food on playground

If you are having a problem with yellowjackets on the playground, remember, yellowjackets are attracted to soft drinks and food.

Schools that have had the same problem have solved it by prohibiting soft drinks, food or any other attractant to be brought outside. A water fountain can serve as a drinking station, while all other drinks and food are kept indoors. When this plan is followed, the yellowjackets will go elsewhere for food.

Yellowjackets can also be trapped, but it takes time — and you must have a place for the traps that is out of reach of the kids.

By prohibiting food and drinks outdoors, you not only solve the yellowjacket problem, but also reduce problems from ants, squirrels, rodents, birds and other pests that forage for whatever the kids leave behind.

Deep Thoughts: If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down? We might, if they screamed all the time, for no good reason.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY



If Men Got Pregnant:

☛ Maternity leave would last 2 years...with full pay.

☛ There would be a cure for stretch marks.

☛ Natural childbirth would become obsolete.

☛ Paternity suits would be a fashion line of clothes.

☛ They'd stay in bed during the entire pregnancy.

☛ Restaurants would include ice cream and pickles as an entree.

☛ Morning sickness would rank as the Nation's #1 health problem.

☛ All methods of birth control would be 100% effective.

☛ Children would be kept in the hospital until toilet trained.

☛ Men would be eager to talk about commitment.

☛ They wouldn't think twins were so cute.

☛ Sons would have to be home from dates by 10:00 p.m.

☛ Briefcases would be used as diaper bags.

☛ Women would rule the world.

If you tied buttered toast to the back of a cat and dropped it from a height, those PETA people would be all over you in a heartbeat.

"If the English language made any sense, lacksdaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers.": ~Doug Larson

PRESS RELEASE

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The Bug Stops Here! - Free Book Provides Safe Alternatives

(Marne, Michigan - Earth Day - April 22, 2002) In 1993 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) formally agreed to find safe alternatives to pesticides in the battle to control pests. Steve Tvedten, a long time proponent for the use of safe alternatives to control and manage all types of pests, officially released his free book on Earth Day 2002 titled *The Bug Stops Here*, which in many cases provides safe alternatives that can be used in place of registered pesticides.

When asked why he decided to provide his book to the world for

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free, Tvedten responded "Well, I thought a lot about it and decided to give it free to the world much the same as Benjamin Franklin gave the world the Franklin Stove - because it would help save the environment around us. Just as the stove reduced the use of wood to keep homes warm, the use of the many alternatives listed in my book will reduce the use of poisons throughout the world."

Tvedten goes on to say that "It absolutely amazes people during my travels when I explain some of the statistics regarding the use of pesticides as it relates to agriculture. For instance, since synthetic pesticide poisons were introduced into agriculture at the end of World War II, total crop losses due to insect damage have almost doubled despite a tenfold increase in the use of insecticide poisons. When I begin to go into the statistics about the health issues and tragedies that are documented using poisonous pesticides, the amazement quickly turns to real concern because they begin to realize how the extensive use of these poisons affects ALL of us."

When Tvedten was asked what he expects to accomplish with the release of The Bug Stops Here for free, he stated in a simple, matter-of-fact manner that "It will save the lives of many people and make the earth a safer place to live. In short, it will help change the lives of everyone who reads the book - one step at a time, one day at a time!"

To obtain a free copy of The Bug Stops Here, go to Steve Tvedten's site at <http://www.thebestcontrol.com> where it can be downloaded in either HTML or PDF formats.

Steve Tvedten can be contacted via email at steve@getipm.

To obtain copies of the six television interviews Steve did with Bill Murawski in New York, please write Bill Murawski in via e-mail at Bill@BillMurawski.com.

Make certain you proofread your work to make sure you don't words out.

There's nothing wrong with teenagers that reasoning with them won't aggravate.

Now that I'm Older, Here's What I've Discovered:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

Now that I finally hold all the cards, everybody decided to play chess.

Funny, but I don't remember being absentminded.

All reports are in: "Life is now officially unfair."

If all is not lost, where is it?

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after.

Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

If G-d wanted me to touch my toes he would have put them on my knees.

Some days you're the dog; others you're the hydrant.

My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

I wish the buck stopped here; I could use a few.

Kids in the back seat cause accidents...

Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.

My life has a superb cast, but I can't figure out the plot.

"Old" is always 15 years older than I am.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Lice R Gone® - The new enzyme lice shampoo that Steve has developed is being tested in many schools and health departments. The users have found that only ½ oz. or less and 5 - 10 minutes is all that is needed to make even a long-haired person lice and nit free. Therefore, an 8 oz. bottle of Lice R Gone® is enough to wash a family of 5's hair once a week for at least a month. Nurses report Lice R Gone solves even chronic (family) lice infestations safely and effectively. This new product will be available to you at the start of school next year.

MEMORIAL DAY



Please remember all those that have died.