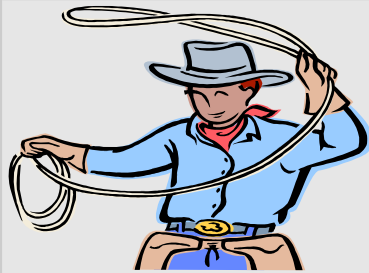


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## Poisonous Spider Alert & Other Current Issues

1. Be on the alert for the **Brown Recluse spider**, pictured



here. Their bite is painful and can produce an open, ulcerating sore, which left unattended may result in serious injury and even death. The brown recluse spider is brown, with a dark brown violin on its back.

Often not visible to the untrained eye, they are nocturnal and tend to reside in dark areas of the home (hence the name "recluse"). **However, in recent inspections, we are finding them in approximately HALF the homes we service!** We encourage regular inspections and service by one of our licensed professional technicians to avoid this poisonous pest.

2. **Ants** are ants, right? Well, not necessarily... Before trying to treat ants

yourself, you should know that there are thousands of ant species, and the proper treatment depends on the exact type of ant. For example, some ants are best eliminated with a direct application of an insecticide. Other ants, such as Pharaoh ants, respond to baits which are taken by worker ants back to the "queen" and spread throughout the colony. If Pharaoh ants are improperly treated with a spray, for instance, the worker ants die before returning to the colony, alerting the queen to begin several new colonies, only making the problem worse. Give us a call for a thorough, professional inspection and proper identification of your ants, as well as the most effective treatment.

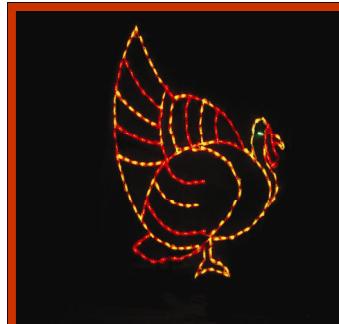
3. Are you spending more time indoors, enjoying your air conditioning? Guess what, so are a lot of local wildlife, such as,

**rodents, raccoons, squirrels, opossums, and ring-tailed cats.**

If you already have these uninvited guests, we have a humane trap-and-release program. If they haven't moved in yet, now is a good time for a thorough inspection and winterization of your home, to keep your home free of these unwanted visitors.

4. Now is the time to look closely at your lawn for evidence of **chinch bugs**. They have black bodies with black & white wings and are found near the roots of the grass. Your lawn may appear to be suffering from drought, but chinch bugs, which do not respond to added water, may be the culprit. Call us now, before your lawn is permanently damaged by these pests.

## Let Us Light Up ALL Your Holidays!



## Community Happenings...

- Sat 09/12/09 6 pm Spicewood VFD-EMS ***Destruction Derby*** at Spicewood Fire Hall
- Sat 09/12/09 7 pm Spicewood Arts Society (SAS) presents ***Matt Wilson*** at Spicewood Vineyards
- Sat 09/26/09 7 pm Pedernales Fire Dept Auxiliary presents ***Two Tons of Steel*** plus ***BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction*** at 801 Bee Creek Road
- Fri 10/09/09 7 pm SAS presents ***Tellabration*** with local storytellers and performers ***Donna Ingham & Don Sanders*** at Spicewood Vineyards
- Sat 10/24/09 10 am - 6 pm & Sun 10/25 10 am to 5 pm  
SAS presents ***Arts Round-Up and Music Festival*** at Paleface Ranch Headquarters

For more info about these events:

[www.spicewoodvfd.com](http://www.spicewoodvfd.com), [www.spicewoodarts.org](http://www.spicewoodarts.org), [www.pedernalesemergency.org](http://www.pedernalesemergency.org)

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## STRAIGHT-SHOOTIN' FROM THE ASSASSIN...

It's hard to believe the school buses are running again and summer is almost over. Most of us are under watering restrictions, but we encourage you not to forget your trees when you are allowed to water. The current drought conditions make your lawn, landscaping and trees more susceptible to insects and disease, so be on the look-out for any signs of distress, and feel free to call us with any concerns you may have about them.

On a personal note, Ginny and I just returned from a holiday lighting convention at the Brite Ideas headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. It was nice to get away to a cooler climate, if only for a couple of days! The most exciting news is that we will also be venturing into INTERIOR holiday decorating this year!

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Best Regards, *Harvey A Jacks*, President