

Mark Bouquet



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HOME ADVISOR™

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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Things are going great at Creative Carpet! Our annual food drive is off to a great start, thanks to our new and returning clients. Times are tough and we are happy to do this drive each year, which couldn't be done without you.

There are a lot of positive changes happening at Creative Carpet that will give you even more "peace of mind", knowing you made the right choice in trusting us to "under promise and over deliver"!

Please take time to enjoy everything this Christmas season. While you are enjoying the company of your friends and family, try reaching out to someone who may be alone or ill. After all, we are celebrating the birth of Christ, the one who came to reach out to us all! Have a very merry Christmas from all of us at Creative Carpet, Inc.

Your Friend, Mark Sr.

P.S. Contact Pam or Tammy for more info on our new **Pay It Forward** program. See the attached details...who knows, this may be something of interest to your church or organization.

Holidays This Month:

Wednesday, December 7th

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - honors those who died in the 1941 attack

Tuesday, December 20th to Wednesday, December 28th

Hanukkah – the Jewish Festival of Lights

Thursday, December 22nd

Winter Solstice – the longest night in the Northern Hemisphere. From here to midsummer, the days grow longer.

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas – commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ

Monday, December 26th

Kwanzaa begins – a weeklong celebration of African-American heritage

Saturday, December 31st

New Year's Eve – last day of the Gregorian calendar

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Attention Paul & Maria Malzone

You are this month's Mystery Winner!
 We have a **\$10.00 gift certificate** to Starbucks reserved just for you! Come by our store to claim your prize!
 Creative Carpet, Inc.
 19420 S. LaGrange Road
 Mokena, IL 60448
NOTE: Must be picked up by Dec 30th, 2011

Useless knowledge



Undertakers report that human bodies do not deteriorate as quickly as they used to. The reason, they believe, is that the modern diet contains so many preservatives that these chemicals tend to prevent the body from decomposing too rapidly after death.

Home Advisor: Down, Up & Out

The end of the year is a perfect time to reassess what we loosely call “stuff”. Most of us have WAAY too much of it.

If your closets and drawers are jammed full, consider this advice:



My grandmother had a pet saying: “down, up & out”. This referred to our enforced annual cleaning of the house, usually right after the New Year’s celebrations. Any pieces of clothing, toys or other items that hadn’t been used in a while went in boxes down to the basement.

At next year’s cleaning, if they were still in the basement, the boxes went up to the attic. Next time around, if they were still sitting unused, out they went in the garbage.

Store Holiday Hours

**Closed Dec 23rd, 24th, 25th
& 26th.**

Returning 10am Dec 27th

**Closed Dec 31st & Jan 1st
Returning Jan 2nd 10am**

Mega Trivia Contest!

Who Else Wants to Win a \$50 gift card towards dinner for two at TGI Fridays or Olive Garden? Take our Trivia Challenge and you could win too!

This month’s MegaTrivia question....

Which of these volcanoes was responsible for “The Year Without a Summer”?

- A) Mt. Pelee; B) Mt. Vesuvius; C) Mt. Etna;
D) Mt. Krakatoa; or E) Mt. Tambora?**

Take your best guess and e-mail your answer to MarkJr@CreativeCarpetInc.com. Or call Mark Jr. at (708) 479-8600. Your chances of winning are better than you think!

Answer to last months quiz: Chocolate

Congratulations to last month’s winner:

Need new name here ...=)

A gigantic THANK YOU to all who referred us last month...

Enjoy you’re your dinner as our thanks for the referral!

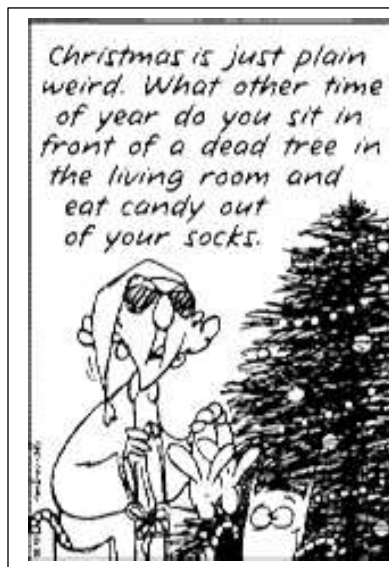
Did You Know. . .

Creative Carpet has implemented a new program to help support local churches and non-profit organizations?



It’s our way of giving back to our local communities and helping those who help others!

Check out the enclosed insert for more detail!



Get A Night Out At One of Your Favorite Restaurants With My Referral Rewards Program

As you probably know, advertising is very expensive. Instead of paying the newspaper or other place to advertise, I'd rather reward you. So I've assembled my *Referral Rewards Program*. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client, I will send you a \$25 gift card to one of the following: Olive Garden, Chili's, Red Lobster, or TGIF.

About Staying Well – Forgiveness

Recent research suggests that your anger is hurting you far more than it hurts the object of your displeasure.

Studies reported in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine highlight the link between holding a grudge and higher levels of blood pressure, stress and cardiac risk.



So consider the people you're still angry with. There may be grievances that go back years, if not decades. Now think about them as the person you are now. Some of the slights and grudges may have faded over the years and for those that remain, try looking at the other's point of view.

Forgiveness not only benefits your health and your relationship with that person, it colors your world view and shines a light in your whole circle.



Flower Pot Fridge

Going camping in the desert? Suddenly lose your electricity? Here's a terrific way to keep food cold. All you need is water, some sand and a couple of flower pots.

This is an ancient technique, dating back perhaps thousands of years. It works best in dry areas since it relies on evaporation. Place the smaller pot within the larger, as shown, and then surround it with wet sand. Your food goes inside the smaller pot, which should be glazed to prevent moisture getting at the contents.

Cover the entire thing with a cloth then stand back! The water in the sand evaporates through the outer pot, drawing all the heat with it and keeping the inside contents cold.

\$\$\$\$ Moneywise: Debt & Savings \$\$\$\$

If you have any disposable income – lucky you – are you better to invest the funds or pay down your loans?

Interest rates are at record lows right now, so the only way to make a return on your money is to gamble. Since I'm allergic to gambling, my advice is to pay down the debt!

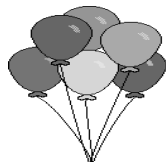
But you may also want to think about setting up an emergency fund. Financial experts tell us to put away 3 months' or 6 months' worth of cash to keep things running in case of disruption, but for most of us that's just a dream.

More realistically, consider dedicating half of your "spare" cash to your emergency fund and using the other half to pay down debt. If you sock those dollars into your highest interest credit card, it will save you a ton! Take the money you save on this card, use it to attack your next highest interest debt.

With some discipline you'll find that living in debt doesn't have to be a life sentence and you'll have a reserve in case of emergencies.

***Welcome Back to Our
Returning Clients...***

Work Tips – The Idea Party



If you're stuck on a project, looking for a new marketing plan, doing your year-end review, or just building camaraderie in the work place, consider the Idea Party!

Here's how the Event planning works:

- Find a comfortable meeting room with lots of tables and chairs
- Invite a dozen of the company's most creative thinkers
- Provide snacks & drinks
- Furnish the room with flip charts, lots of paper, colored pens, crayons, post-it notes and good music
- Have some internet-ready laptops available
- Introduce your Idea Party topic, for example "New Marketing Plan" or "Our Key Target Markets"
- Pick a skilled facilitator and hand them the flip chart pens
- Enjoy!

Thanks for the kind words!

Under promise. Over deliver. That should be the mission statement for Creative Carpet, Inc. The installation of our new flooring and carpet exceeded our expectations. Our salesperson, Mark Jr., personally came to our home in order to survey the area and better understand our needs. He brought samples, discussed our options and offered his recommendations. Mark Jr. made us feel very comfortable with our selection.

The installers, Edgar & John, were courteous and very skilled. Our plank flooring looks fantastic and the quality of the carpeting install is great! We are very pleased with the entire process. Upon completion of the project, Edgar and John cleaned up after themselves and removed all garbage from the site. They were true professionals.

This is our second experience selecting Creative Carpet for our flooring needs. They understand the importance of respecting a customer's home and providing competitive pricing. We urge you to see for yourself the quality of products offered at Creative Carpet Inc., and the superior customer service you will receive.

THE GRZYBOWSKI FAMILY- MOKENA

WARNING!

Don't visit any flooring dealer until you call us for a **FREE Consumer Awareness Guide!**

You will learn...

- 4 predatory sales tactics
- 7 costly misconceptions about flooring
- 5 questions to ask a dealer before buying

Call Today – (708) 479-8600

Recipe Corner Chile Con Queso



Satisfying, cheesy dips steal the show at any holiday gathering, and they're well-suited for teaching young cooks the basics of sauce-making and presentation.

Ingredients

- 1 medium tomato
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped mild green chilies
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon mild chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup milk or half-and-half
- 3 cups (about 12 ounces) grated sharp Cheddar (for a milder flavor, substitute up to half Monterey Jack)
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- Tortilla chips, for serving

Instructions

1. Slice the tomato in half crosswise and squeeze each half to force out the seeds or simply push out the seeds with a clean finger. Coarsely chop the tomato and set it aside.
2. Melt the butter in a large saucepan and add the onion, green chilies, garlic, chili powder, and tomato. Sauté the vegetables over medium-low heat, stirring often, until the vegetables are softened, about 5 minutes.
3. The next step requires constant stirring as each ingredient is added, to ensure a smooth, thick sauce with no lumps. First, stir in the cornstarch, then the milk or half-and-half. Cook, stirring constantly, until the liquid is barely simmering, about 2 minutes; it will thicken slightly. Stir in half of the cheese and continue to stir until the cheese is melted, about 2 minutes; do not let the mixture boil. Add the remaining cheese and continue to stir until the cheese is melted and heated through, about 2 minutes. Taste, and add a little salt and pepper, if necessary.
4. Pour the dip into a heated serving dish or a small, heated slow-cooker (see Tools of the Trade on page 115). Serve hot, with tortilla chips. Serves 10

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Tu & Th 10a – 8p

Sat 10a – 4p



HOPING SANTA BRINGS YOU SOME NEW FLOORS FOR CHRISTMAS??



Whether you're naughty or nice, Creative Carpet has a gift for you!



10% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE AND A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING GIFTS FROM OUR GRAB BAG ...

\$25 gas gift card

\$50 restaurant card

\$100 Kohl's gift card



An additional 5% off your purchase

An additional 10% off your purchase

\$100 CASH

Up to 25 square yards FREE

Up to 50 square yards FREE

Up to 75 square yards FREE

At the time of purchase you will have a chance to reach in our grab bag and choose one of these fabulous gifts!



PROGRAM

Trying to raise money for your church or organization?
We want to help!

Any non-profit organization or ministry that is registered with us will receive 3% of the referral customer's purchase.

How does it work?

- Organizations or Ministry Leaders register with Creative Carpet via phone, e-mail or fax.
- Organizations that are registered will receive **3%, and as much as 5%***, of the purchase price made with Creative Carpet from these referrals. *Increased % sale dates apply.
- Referrals are given a voucher with the organization or ministry name and information to bring to us at time of purchase. Once the job is installed, we will complete the voucher and return a copy to the organization along with a check made out to the ministry or organization.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

Let your friends and family know about this easy opportunity to earn money for their favorite organization or ministry.

Need more info? Contact Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com

Or

Call today to register!!



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