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Mark Bouquet, Jr.

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2016

Happy Spring...

... well almost! I know this is always a special month for me. April Fool's Day is a little bittersweet for me since it was my father's birthday. I still miss him as each year goes by. According to our Dawn, (who works so hard and is so appreciated), it is apparently, "International Guitar Month!" I have been a musician my whole life so I thought it was strange SHE GOT ME ON THAT ONE! April has so much good in it but it also has some of the toughest times I've experienced, too. I was only a sophomore in high school when the singer in my band passed away, and it happened to be on my dad's birthday which was... April Fool's Day. I'll never forget that call. I thought I was having a really bad prank played on me. Now, I wish it were. Johnny Johnson was such a great guy, handsome and had his whole life before him. My dad took a liking to him, too, because they both had tough upbringings. I once went to a birthday party for another Marine, and I told him that my dad was a Marine. He replied, "Hey! Your dad is a Marine! Don't ever forget it." I remember being little and him going through this routine where he was spinning a rifle like he never took a day off of practicing. It was cool for a kid to see.

*Love*

bears all things,  
believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
Love never fails.

1Cor 13:7-8

My bride, Tammy, and I are celebrating our 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 2<sup>nd</sup>! She really is a saint. There is no telling where I would be had God not brought her in my life, and I truly mean that. I love you Tammy! We started dating freshman year at 15, and we were married at 18. I look at someone 18 now and just think, "man, we were already married and they look like kids!"

My son, Clay, will be 20 on the 11th. He has such a crazy schedule between school and work but he is nailing it ALL! I'm really proud of the load he seems to manage easily while still getting in his workout. Also, our very own Chris Boerema celebrates his birthday this month as well! He is such a great guy to have here at Creative, and also was Mark Jr.'s best man!

I hit the big 52 April 23rd. Our store opened in April 1990, which seems completely impossible to me now, but back then there was no question or fear it wouldn't work. What was I thinking?!? It wasn't because I was bullet proof back then – or so I thought!! I was 26 with next to no money, but I had BIG FAITH!!! 26 years later, we are growing and that is due to all of YOU! Your continued trust and the referrals are an incredible blessing to all of us.

I just can't tell you how much everyone has meant to Tammy and I. I thank you, my family thanks you and all the Creative Carpet & Flooring friends thank you!

Sincerely,

*Mark Bouquet Jr.*



### Holidays This Month:

**1st - April Fool's Day AND International Fun at Work Day** this should be a fun day at Creative Carpet & Flooring!

**11th - Eight Track Tape Day** do you remember those?

**12th - Big Wind Day** this day blows me away!

**14th - Look up at the Sky Day** don't you have anything better to do?

**15th - Tax Day** no comment needed

**16th - Chris Boerema's Birthday** Happy birthday to our one & only (thank goodness) JK - we love ya, Chris!

**22th - Earth Day** houseplants don't have a chance... so this is gonna be tough!

**23rd - Mark Bouquet Sr.'s Birthday** - to the very founder of Creative Carpet & Flooring... A **VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

| APRIL 2016 |        |         |           |          |        |          |
|------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| SUNDAY     | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|            |        |         |           |          | 1      | 2        |
| 3          | 4      | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8      | 9        |
| 10         | 11     | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16       |
| 17         | 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       |
| 24         | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |

It's International Guitar Month! This is an annual celebration of guitars & guitar products that happens every April beginning in 1987. So wipe down your fretboard, grab a pick & turn your amp up to 11!

**ATTENTION!**

**Joe**  
**Smulevitz**

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!

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## DID YOU KNOW...

We have our own Professional Spot Remover for Carpets & Upholstery!

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Our cleaner is powerful yet soap free, odor free, hypo-allergenic, non-toxic with no VOC's and no off-gassing. It is made with all natural ingredients - a safer cleaning choice.

- 16 oz. bottle \$8.99
- 16 oz. Unlimited, FREE-Refill bottle \$24.99

Swing by our showroom and pick up a bottle TODAY!



## Mega Trivia Contest!

Congratulations to last month's winner:

**BERNIE  
FERRERI**

Stop in at Creative Carpet & Flooring to claim your prize by April 30, 2016!

[Answer to last month's quiz: (C) St. Patrick's Day Parade - In New York City, the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was held March 17th, 1762 by Irish soldiers serving in the British army.]

**Who else wants to WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD towards dinner at TGI Fridays or Olive Garden?**

*This month's Mega Trivia question:*

**Which fast food franchise first opened its doors on April 15th, 1955?**  
(A) McDonald's (B) Jack in the Box  
(C) Dairy Queen (D) A & W

To enter, go to [www.creativecarpetinc.com](http://www.creativecarpetinc.com) and click on "Monthly News" - Home Advisor Monthly Newsletter." Take your best guess... your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter.

## Save the Charge on Your Cellphone Battery

The use of smartphones has grown a lot from the basic phone call and text. Now we use them to search the Internet, read the news, shop, check email, watch or record live stream video, take pictures, create graphics ... the list goes on!

Our smartphone is convenient, hassle free and easily portable, but the more we do with them, the faster the onboard battery drains, which results in the need portable charging devices.

Today's smartphones have powerful batteries that minimize the need to recharge, but how often a battery gets charged can affect its longevity.

The life and performance of a battery are negatively impacted by the strain of charging it often. It is advisable only to charge your smartphone when the battery power level falls low. This helps keep the battery in good health and ensure that your smartphone does not run out of charge after a few hours.

Keeping the phone plugged in a charger overnight is also hard on the battery.

Third party or cheap chargers can also weaken the battery. Many people use these to recharge their smartphones. This is something that harms the battery and your smartphone a lot.

It is recommended you only recharge the phone with the provided charger or a manufacturer approved replacement.

The third way to save battery power on your smartphone is to shut off data requirements. This gets done by changing the data settings in your phone. Shut data off when you don't need it. Set applications to update on Wi-Fi connections only. Plus, uninstall applications you no longer use.

Other settings, like how bright the screen is and GPS, can be adjusted to reduce battery demand. The less activity happening in the background of your cell phone, the longer your battery charge lasts.

*Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.*

— Unknown

### KIDS SAY THE DARNEST THINGS!!

"Dear Brady, Miss P made me write you this note. All I want to say sorry for is not being sorry cause I tried to feel sorry but I don't." - Liam

"Thank you for the amazing squirt gun I will shoot you with." - Scott

"Dear Mom, Thank you sooooo much for being my mom. If I had a different mom I would punch her in the face and go find you. Love, Brooke"

"Sorry because of nothing" - Unknown



## Thank You For The Kind Words!

"The process in working with Creative Carpets was easy from sales to installation. Our sales rep help guided us to the carpet that would work well for our house. The installers were professional and did an excellent job from moving the furniture, to installing, to cleaning afterwards. We will definitely recommend Creative Carpets to anyone looking for new carpet or flooring." - John & Meredith of Frankfort, IL

## Top 5 Most Elusive Mammals on the Planet

These are the most elusive animals because of their solitary habits and because they blend into their surroundings.

1. Ocelot
2. Badger
3. Kermode Bear
4. Guinea Baboons
5. Siberian Tiger



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS FROM THE 2016 TINLEY PARK HOME & GARDEN EXPO LAST MONTH!

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Gift Card

\$500 - BEVERLY CONSIER

\$250 - MICHAEL WILLIAMS

\$100 - CAROLYN VANDYKE

WOULD YOU LIKE A CHANCE TO WIN A CREATIVE CARPET & FLOORING GIFT CARD, TOO? COME VISIT US AT OUR NEXT TRADE SHOW! THE NEXT VENUE AND DATE DETAILS ARE TBA. JUST KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND/OR NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS!!!

## Attack

# CARPET SPOTS

When attacking carpet spots, using the wrong product can permanently damage the carpet by setting stains or bleaching the fibers.

Do you know the best non-commercial spot cleaner may already be in your kitchen? It is white distilled vinegar, which has antibacterial properties and will not leave behind any residue. Keep a mixture of half water, half vinegar in a handy spray bottle to clean up general carpet spots, even pet spots.



Other good carpet treatments from the kitchen include baking soda, cornstarch and salt.

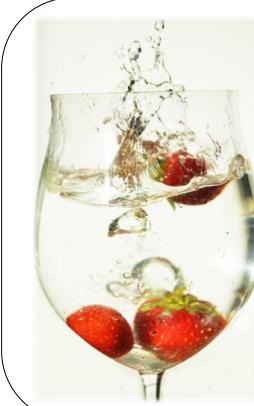
Baking soda can help remove odors. Simply sprinkle it over the carpet, and vacuum it out.

Cornstarch is absorbent and can be used to draw up liquid from the carpet.

When a juice spill happens use paper towels to absorb excess liquid by laying two or three sheets of paper towels over the area and pressing down firmly to lift up the fluid. This step may be needed more than once. Now carefully apply distilled white vinegar over the spot. Let the vinegar sit 2 minutes, then again use paper towel to remove excess liquid. Next, coat the top of the spot with a good layer of cornstarch. The cornstarch will draw out the moisture and color left by the juice.

Allow the cornstarch to dry completely. It could take some time, but when it's dry break up the cornstarch and vacuum. Then take a carpet brush to the rug and brush it to loosen remaining cornstarch and vacuum again.

Salt combined with warm water can be used to remove blood from the carpet. Make sure the salt is dissolved completely before working it into the spot.



## Flavoring Water

It is no secret that many of us need to drink more water to replenish the fluids our body needs. Here are the best fruit and herb flavor options. Choose one or more combinations until you find your favorites.

|                   |                    |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Lemon slices      | Cucumber slices    | Pear slices       |
| Cinnamon sticks   | Rosemary sprigs    | Cloves            |
| Strawberry slices | Orange slices/zest | Pomegranate seeds |
| Mint leaves       | Vanilla beans      | Berries           |

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Greg & Kim Klappauf  
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Joann & Steve Pachmayer

Donna Chinderle  
Amber Wilkins





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## Protect Your Assets

People determined to illegally get your money invent new scams often. They come at you through email, telephone, snail mail and text messages. Many will pose as reputable institutions like governments, banks or even law enforcement.



Others are disguised as an organization, long lost relative or someone who whittles you into believing they love you. Please be wary when anybody asks you to send or receive money. Police files, newscasts and talk shows are full of trusting individuals who got conned out of thousands of dollars, and that money is gone forever!

Fraudsters will attempt to gain your personal information to access your money, credit or identity. Therefore, beware of any **request** for your identifying numbers like social security, credit card, bank account or passport.

These swindlers are clever! They will sound authentic and often make the need sound extremely urgent. In some cases, they threaten the security of you and your family. Other scams include a promise that you will receive a financial reward or gain.

When suspicious messages arrive in the email inbox, never click on a link within the message. These can be set up to hack your computer and obtain your contact list.

Whether in an email or provided by a caller, never call a phone number provided. These will either be wrong numbers or connect you with someone else linked to the scam.

To protect our money, we need to be wary and vigilant. Know what you owe, where it is owed, how those organizations will contact you and how they will accept payments.

Always verify the authenticity by calling phone numbers on statements, tax papers or from directory assistance. If the call involves taxes, contact your accountant, bookkeeper or government taxation office to verify the claim. If the call involves a relative or friend, call them or a family member directly.

## MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS...

|                    |                       |                   |                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Judy Andrews       | Mark & Jenile Gmino   | Kari Lusk-Basick  | Rainsford               |
| Cathy & Roger Bell | Dan Gilbert           | Sharon Manuel     | Maureen Reid            |
| Julie Bowen        | Karen Groves          | Niki Mcneill      | Laura Sands             |
| Keith Boyer        | Todd and Catherine    | Fran Mendelsohn   | Bill & Sara Sieczkawski |
| Paige Cantwell     | Gryczka               | Sharyn Murphy     | Beverly Sinnott         |
| Bonnie & Deeks     | Mary Haller           | Kyle & Christina  | Frank Solecki           |
| Carroll            | Rashad & Rasha        | Oehrlein          | Jean Tepeli             |
| Joe Cissell        | Hammoudeh             | Judy O'Neill      | Gloria Ursich           |
| Curt & Renee Eller | Jill & Chad Hawbecker | Mike OSullivan    | Sal Vora                |
| Sandy & Brian      | Celeste Herreia       | Jerry & Lois Pech | Charmaine Willand       |
| Fitzpatrick        | Bob Hopkins           | Kristyn Przysucha |                         |
| Paul Fu            | Dan Lind              | Denise & Sean     |                         |

## WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING CLIENTS...

|                      |                     |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Pat Adelman          | Kimberly Martens    | Jennifer & Ray Ruminski   |
| Linda & Bob Copp     | Bridget McGinnis    | Keith & Donna Rymut       |
| Dave and Karen Faber | Ann & Dale Mitchell | Brianne Vandenberg        |
| Dominick Harms       | Diane Munro         | Debbie & Pete Vander Meer |
| Martin & Ellen Kelly | Darren Persha       | Lorelei Williams          |

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### Referral Rewards Program

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**A gigantic THANK YOU to all who referred us last month...**  
Peter Mark  
Lesllie Lind  
Lyn Blaskovitz

**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

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