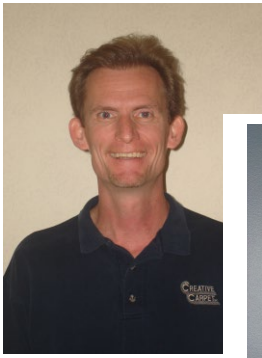


# HOME ADVISOR™

MAY 2011



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Hi all!

*Great news! Warm weather is here; everything is turning green and blooming! This is also a new season at Creative Carpet - thanks to your continued support and referrals.*

*Our family is also growing, and we recently hired more staff to better serve you. If you are ever in the area, stop on in for a cup of coffee and meet our new salesman!*

*On a separate note, we really appreciate all the calls and notes wishing a speedy recovery for my father. It means a lot to us. He is now in physical therapy and improving slowly. The therapy was put on hold after having had another procedure in early February. Though the road to recovery is long, we are all still very hopeful. Knowing there are many out there praying and thinking of him is very encouraging.*

*Happy Mother's Day and many blessings!*

*Mark Bouquet Jr*

## Happy Mother's Day from all of us at Creative Carpet!

### Attention Gary Ames!

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 May 31st, 20110**

### Thanks for the kind words!

*Creative Carpet was a joy to do business with. The carpet recommended has changed the entire house. I am proud to have company over to show it off. I can't wait to refer as I was a referral from my sister. I'm glad she found you guys! Thank you for helping make this process enjoyable.*

*Matt Gagala - Installed March 2011*

## NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS

ED GABRIEL  
NILS EMANUELSON  
LORI ANN  
EVELYN CURRAN  
GERARD ALAVA  
FRED & LYNN FUGGER  
JEAN BEEZHOLD  
LARRY POLCHOW  
GENE DERARDI  
TOM & LAURA LAYDEN  
SARAH ADLER  
BARBARA CAMP  
PEGGY HUMMEL  
ROBERT & SHIRLEY PRICE  
TOM & NANCY MOULTON  
JOHN & CATYHRINE ULMER  
RAY KWAK  
STEPHANIE KENDZIOR  
MATT GAGALA  
SHEILA BUROFF  
ROBERT SPITKOVSKI  
CHRIS BAJENSKI  
MARY BUTTI

## Moneywise: Tips for Teens

It's never too young to start learning about money. Here are some suggestions that will serve young people well all their lives:

- Don't spend every cent of your income – many teens have part-time jobs or allowances, or both. A great majority of them spend it all on music, movies, clothing, or whatever they please. It's a very good idea to establish the saving habit young.
- Invest in yourself – this is the best time of your life to put money into your own future. Build the qualifications for a realistic career in a profession that suits your talents and inclination.
- If you don't know what that career might be, try interning or volunteering in a few of the fields that appeal to you.
- Don't overdo the debt – it's unrealistic to build up a huge student debt if your prospective wages are much lower. You often see the Rule of 10 quoted: you must land a job that pays \$10,000 more than your total student loan to pay it off within ten years. This assumes you pay 10% a year.
- Get a realistic idea of what your future costs will be. Many teens are unaware of the details, and under-estimate bills by a large factor. Find out how much it actually costs to rent/buy that condo you crave!
- Don't abuse credit cards – they will come back to bite you. If you must have one, always make your payments on time and pay attention to the monthly statements.
- Watch your bank fees! Unless you have a package plan, your account can be nibbled away by the charges on small debit card purchases. Try taking out the budgeted amount for the week in cash, pay for your lattes with that, but when it's gone, it's gone.

**A HELPING HAND:** Tell us if you or your family are doing something to benefit others. Such as...check out the pictures of Kailey Ledesma on the next page and her heart to help those with cancer. We would love to highlight you in one of our upcoming newsletters.

Send Pictures and info to: [Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com](mailto:Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com)

### Welcome Back to Our Returning Clients...

JERRY & KATHY WHITE  
GRAINNE MCCRICARD  
BOB NEUBAURER  
KENNETH MULHERAN  
KATHY GUINEA  
MIKE & MARY SMITH  
STEVE & LORA CARRARA



### Get A Night Out At The Movies For 2 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 gift certificate for two passes to the Marcus Theater.

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

TODD & KAREN ROACH  
SCOTT MCARTHY  
PAM VOSS  
PAUL PRICE  
PAM MURAWSKI

Enjoy your \$25 gift card!



## Did You Know...

Carpet is petroleum based and as the oil and gas prices go up, so does the cost of carpet.

Effective April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will experience yet another increase in pricing. This is an industry wide increase ranging from 5% to 10%.

If you or someone you know need to replace your flooring, contact us right away to schedule your FREE measure!

Creative Carpet offers financing with **zero** down and **zero** interest for 12 months. We also accept the following major credit cards: Visa, Mastercard, and Discover.

## About Staying Well - An Apple a Day

The old adage, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”, won’t help you in many cases, but the humble apple has a lot going for it.



Bone Protection – phloridzin & boron may strengthen bones

Cholesterol – pectin lowers LDL (bad cholesterol)

Diabetes – pectin supplies galacturonic acid, which may help in the management of diabetes

Cancer Prevention – apple eaters, in a number of studies including one at Cornell University, seem to have a lower rate of incidence of a number of cancers

Weight Maintenance – apples make a good between-meal snack, providing fiber and nutrients

Antioxidants – apples are high in quercetin, a potent antioxidant

Immune System – quercetin boosts the immune system too

Regularity – it’s all about the fiber!

Teeth – “Apples, for example, have been called nature’s toothbrush because they stimulate the gums, increase saliva flow and reduce the build-up of cavity-causing bacteria.” (World Dental. Org)

### Work Tips – Friendship in the Workplace

Being friends with your co-workers certainly beats being their enemies, but there are points on both the plus and minus sides of the ledger.

#### PLUS:

- Collegial atmosphere – the days pass more pleasantly in a friendly environment
- Networking in the workplace – you may build relationships that benefit your career down the road
- Positive collaboration – a team approach facilitates creative production

#### MINUS:

- Bad behavior may go unreported when friends are involved
- TMI – sharing too much information can cause problems if your confidant spills the beans or is promoted to become your boss
- Slacking off – friends inclined to goof off can cover for each other

In most cases though, the pluses prevail. Employees are more productive, happier and less likely to call in sick if the work environment is positive. Just use your common sense.

# 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 movie monsters is the oldest?**

- A) Godzilla B) King Kong C) The Mummy D) Dracula or E) Frankenstein**

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

**Answer to last month’s quiz: b) CNN**

**Congratulations to last month’s winner:  
Lori Parnello**

**\$\$ (Relatively) Painless Ways to Save Money \$\$**

We’d all like to find ways to cut our costs. Here are 10 ways to save money that won’t hurt much:

1. Bundle: if it’s possible, combine your phone, internet & television – one provider may offer you savings
2. Eat in: if you must eat out, restrict it to once a week
3. Request reduced interest rates on your credit cards or line of credit – they can only say “no”
4. Borrow books & DVD’s from the library
5. Read magazines & newspapers online
6. Pay your mortgage bi-weekly instead of monthly
7. Avoid charges wherever you can – bank fees, late payment fees, credit card interest
8. Pay home, life, and car insurance annually or semi-annually for cost savings
9. Stop unnecessary purchases like smoking, drinking and fast food – your health will benefit too
10. It isn’t a bargain if you don’t need it

Many of you have had Gary in your home for a measure, repair or installation. Our condolences go to him and his wife Maria. Maria's mom passed away Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.



A cold artichoke and zucchini dip that can be served with crackers, corn chips, or raw vegetables. Add more hot sauce or pico de gallo seasoning to spice it up!

## Recipe Corner

### A and Z Dip

**Servings: 2**

**Prep Time: 10 minutes Ready In: 10 minutes**

### Ingredients

- 1 zucchini, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped black olives
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pico de gallo seasoning

### Directions

1. Place the zucchini in a colander, and sprinkle with salt. Place the colander over a bowl, and refrigerate for one hour to release the liquid from the zucchini.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese and sour cream. Stir in the artichoke hearts, drained zucchini, and black olives. Season with hot sauce, salt, pepper, and pico de gallo seasoning. Serve with crackers, raw vegetables, or corn chips.

### HAVE A RECIPE YOU WANT TO SHARE?

Send to: [Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com](mailto:Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com)



## Kailey Ledesma St



On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 12 year old Kailey Ledesma, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Summit Hill Jr High, offered to cut off all of her hair to be donated for Locks of Love. Kailey raised over \$500 in pledges from family and friends which was donated for cancer research.

Kailey is the daughter of our wood installer, Andy Ledesma. In 2007, Kailey's aunt lost her battle with cancer at the age of 23. She then lost her grandmother in 2009 to cancer as well. Kailey is very passionate about helping to find a cure.

## 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**

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**PLUS**

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OR

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- **Choose the FREE PADDING UPGRADE**



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Also...any friend of yours is a friend of ours. You can pass this flyer along to a friend or relative who needs flooring, too. You will be doing them a gigantic favor by referring them to a company they can trust. **PLUS...** you'll be rewarded for your referrals!

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