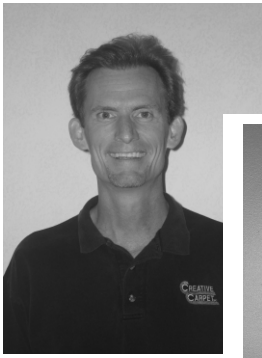


HOME ADVISOR™

June 2011



Mark Bouquet



Mark Bouquet Jr.

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Hi friends!

Slowly but surely things are changing around here-all for the better. Sometimes even when it's good it's not necessarily easy.

For example: we just switched to a new internet/web/phone system. Not everyone here is thrilled with their new mobile devices. It doesn't matter if they are better or worse than their original phones or better service etc. It's about being comfortable with what we know. Isn't that human nature? We tend to not like change or having to learn something new. In time we may come to love the new phones, but for now it's about familiarity.

Change, however, is inevitable. Over time everything changes, and with the way technology continues to evolve, it forces us to move along with it-like it or not.

Along with these changes we also have a family friend who is assisting us with our new website. This should be up and running by the time this newsletter finds its way to you. He owns his own business, and we've included an ad on the back of our sales insert. Feel free to check out his site and if you decide you could use his services, let him know you were referred by Creative Carpet.

Thanks for reading and enjoy the change of seasons!

Mark Jr.

Time for another episode of

"What were they playing then?"

1981 – 20 years ago

- In the Air Tonight – Phil Collins
- Bette Davis Eyes – Kim Carnes
- Morning Train – Sheena Easton
- The Tide is High - Blondie

1971 – 30 years ago

- Brown Sugar – Rolling Stones
- Maggie May – Rod Stewart
- Imagine – John Lennon
- My Sweet Lord – George Harrison

1961 – 40 years ago

- Let's Twist Again – Chubby Checker
- Stand by Me – Ben E. King
- Runaway – Del Shannon
- Surrender – Elvis Presley



Attention Phil & Adrien Nylen!

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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NOTE: Must be picked up by June 30th, 2011

Did You Know. .

Creative Carpet was established in 1990 by Mark & Tammy Bouquet and they are proud to be family owned and operated.

Mark Jr. started as an installer and now handles the sales. Jake runs the warehouse, and their other sons, Kyle, Clay and Cody help out from time to time as needed.

Gary, our measure guy, has known and worked with the Bouquets for almost 30 years. He taught Mark Sr. how to install carpet.

Pamela assists Tammy administratively and has known the Bouquets for almost 20 years. She began working with them in June of 2010.

We just added a new salesman to the CC family. **Welcome Steve!!**



For more info on our family members go to Creativecarpetinc.com

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 game is played with five players on either side?

- a) Basketball b) Volleyball c) Hockey
d) Football

Take your best guess and e-mail your answer to MarkJr@CreativeCarpetInc.com. Or call Mark Jr. at (708) 479-8600.

Answer to last months quiz: Frankenstein 1818 (There was confusion in the wording for lasts months question, so we put everyone who answered in the drawing.)

**Congratulations to last month's winner:
KIMBERLY HAMILTON**

Thanks for the kind words!

This was our first carpet purchase and we didn't know where to start. We went to a franchise carpet store near our home and the salesman kept telling us, "This is what you want", without asking about our home, our expectations, etc.

Not knowing where else to look, I found Creative Carpet online through ABC Carpets.com. Mark Jr. was really helpful both on the phone and in the store. He helped us make an informed decision.

The installation went great and we're really pleased with our new carpet. We'll definitely use Creative Carpet again.

Mark & Lydia Blachowicz-



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...

BILL HOEKSTRA
DON O'HEIR
JEFF TINLIN
SCOTT VANDENBERG
KEN & MAY SILVERS
MARK O'MALLEY
DENNIS & TAMMY
BOARDMAN

**ENJOY YOUR \$25 Gift
CARD TO
MARCUS THEATER !**

Moneywise: New Car or Clunker?



There's nothing like that new car smell! Even the clunker-buying segment of the population will admit that they smell better than anything except maybe popcorn, bacon and coffee. But unless you're made of money, or driving on the company's dime, it might be an idea to look at all your options.

New Car: great smell (see above), still under warranty, drops around 20% in value as soon as you drive it off the lot. High payments, high insurance. Some maintenance, no repairs, but they'll start as soon as that warranty expires.

Gently-Used Car: 3 to 5 years old. No warranty, but probably low mileage. Payments and insurance lower, you can likely get 5 years out of it without too much trouble. Expect regular maintenance and repair costs.

Clunker: 6 years old and up. Not for the faint of heart. You'll get this little beauty for next to nothing, your insurance costs are minimal (no collision), but you can expect regular LARGE repairs. Be prepared to replace things like engines and fuel tanks.

The clunker enthusiast often brags about how many miles are on the beast, never mind that the fenders are falling off!

About Staying Well: Vision Care

We look after our teeth, our skin and our feet, and don't even get me started on our hair! But we often overlook the organs we look through. Time to look after your eyes!



Strain: give your eyes a break if you've been concentrating for an extended period. Get away from the material, take your glasses off, and breathe deeply. Your eyes need oxygen like the rest of you.

Sun: any source of ultraviolet radiation can harm your eyes. Use sunglasses if you're out for any length of time, but a moderate amount of fresh air and sunshine is good for them and you too.

Diet: "eat your carrots" is good advice. Vitamin A is essential to healthy vision. Antioxidants, zinc and essential fatty acids may also be of benefit, though these factors are still under study. Sugar may speed the effects of aging in the eyes through a process called glycation.

Exercise: not just general exercise, though overall health helps your eyes too. There's increasing evidence that exercising your eyes is good for them, in fact, playing video games may do your vision good! A new study, funded by the National Institute on Aging, published its results in the Nov 2010 Journal of Vision. It demonstrated that older people can improve their eyesight quickly with perceptual training that pushes the limits of vision.

Safety: use common sense when working around machinery or tools that might harm your eyes. Safety goggles are a must, but we often forget these sorts of hazards at home. Your kitchen and bathroom are the rooms where most accidents occur. Best advice? No running with scissors.

NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS

CHUCK & PAT HADAD
MARK & LYDIA BLACHOWICZ
TOM & DONNA JACOBS
MARK & PAULA BROWNING
JOHN SAMUEL
JACK & EUNICE HOEKSTRA
RUSS WEBER
JANELLE & SEAN HUBER
MARY KORIENECK
RAY WAGNER
MICHELLE VERHEYEN
VIRGINIA NAUMOVSKI
LARRY POLCHOW
ALLEN & FAYE URFER
JILL DIXON
CHARLES & RUTH DEVRIES
TIM ZERNZACK
TOM SALIN
JIM & MARION HARTIGAN
KEITH & KELLY BURKE
MIKE GERDZOS
WILLIAM & SUSAN DUNLAP
KATE ENGLER
MARK & DAWN MALLEY
MICHELLE EDGIN
VICTOR & CAROL FONSECA
ARLENE HAHN
ROBERT RAGAN
ANN LYONS
PAUL PICHLER
PAT NOWAK
DALE LUX

Welcome Back to Our Returning Clients...

LISAANNE ROGERS
ROB KOLE
DAVE & LAURIE MAHAFFAY
AL & PAM STROMSTA
ED STOUWIE
FRANK INSALACO
MIKE MAIONE
BEVERLY GAREIS
BILL LANIGAN
PAUL STOTT
VERN & MELANIE FISCHER
KAREN WENBERG
PAUL & ROHNDA TESTA
SUE DUNCAN
STEVE & TINA KORONKOWSKI

Work Tips: Early to Bed, Early to Rise

The virtues of our forebears – silly word, sounds like we've descended from grizzlies. Now where was I? Oh yes, the virtues of our ancestors. There's something to be said to following Ben Franklin's advice, if you want to succeed at work and enjoy your personal life:



“Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.”

You perform better at work if you're well-rested; there are umpty-plus surveys and studies to back that up. Other studies show that we probably shouldn't be sharing the road with all the sleep-deprived drivers out there. So getting 7-9 solid hours of sleep must be your top priority.

So, when to do it? If you figure the time on the clock above is time to get up, rather than time to go to bed, you won't be happy with my advice. Say you have to be at work at 9:00 am, and normally haul yourself out of bed at 8:00 am, why not try getting up at 6:00 am? If the thought makes you nauseous, start with 7:00 am.

What this means is that to get that 8 hours of sleep, you'll have to go to bed at either 10:00 pm or 11:00 pm. Not that harsh, if you think about it, but here are the conditions. Sleep means sleep: no TV, cell phone, laptop or tablet allowed in the bedroom. More research proves that electronic devices have a VERY bad effect on sleep patterns. The planet will still keep spinning if that text message waits until morning.

The upside? You'll be better rested, less grumpy and distracted, and you can show up at work an hour early, which will either impress your boss or make your workload lighter. You'll have way more time for your personal interests, family, friends, the whole shebang.

Listen to Ben, I mean look what he ended up accomplishing!

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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Have a recipe you want to share? Send to:
Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com

Recipe Corner

Almost No Fat Incredible General Tsuo's Chicken Recipe

Source: greatdayamerica.com

3 skinless boneless chicken breasts, trimmed of fat
6 egg whites, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon cornstarch
3 cups unseasoned bread crumbs
3 tablespoons sesame seeds
1 teaspoon salt cooking spray
1 teaspoon safflower oil
2 tablespoons fresh minced garlic
1 cup minced white onion
1 teaspoon soy sauce or Bragg's aminos
3 cups orange marmalade
1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar
1 pound fresh bean sprouts, rinsed and drained
1 bunch scallions, chopped

Rinse and drain chicken. Cut into bite-size chunks. Stir together the egg whites and the corn starch and mix in the chicken pieces. Mix together the bread crumbs with the salt and sesame. Dredge the chicken pieces in the crumbs to coat well and arrange so they are not touching on a nonstick jellyroll pan or baking sheet, either sprayed with cooking spray. Bake in Preheated 350 degree F oven until browned and chicken is done (clear juices and white through and through), about 20 minutes. This step can be done in advance with the chicken kept warm in a 215 degree oven.

Heat the safflower oil in non-stick skillet or wok over medium high heat and stir in garlic and onion. Stir fry until brown, reduce heat and stir in soy sauce, marmalade and vinegar. Stir until mixture begins to bubble and simmer. Stir in chicken to glaze pieces well but be gentle so crust stays on chicken. (Alternatively, you can pour the glaze over the chicken pieces while still on the tray.) Arrange chicken over bed of sprouts arranged on serving platter. Sprinkle with scallions.

Serves 4 to 6.

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Dear Friend and Client,

Pump prices are a definite downer right now, but I don't want you to have to choose between buying gas and buying the new floors you need and deserve. So if you buy new floors from Creative Carpet during the month of June, you don't have to choose!

Here's how it works: until June 30th, for every \$1,500 you spend on any of our flooring products, you'll get a **FREE GAS CARD for \$100**. The more flooring you buy, the more **FREE GAS** you get! There's no limit to how many gas cards you can earn. (If you buy \$15,000 in flooring...yup, you get 10 gas cards for \$100. each!)

WHAT TO
DO NEXT...

Bring this letter to Creative Carpet before June 30th. This **FREE** gas offer is NOT available to the general public; only to our preferred clients, so you must bring this letter with you. However, any friend of yours is a friend of mine. Feel free to pass this letter along to a friend, relative or co-worker who needs flooring.

Remnant Sale: Come on in and see our selection of Remnant Carpets.

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