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# Attention Mary Labedz!

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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#### CREATIVE CARPET, INC.

# Home Advisor

Reliable news for healthy living, saving money, and having fun! July 2009

Dear Friends,

This 4<sup>th</sup> of July as you are spending time with friends and family, take time to thank those that have fought or are currently fighting for our country. It's because of them that we have the freedom to celebrate this special day!

As most of you know, playing guitar is one of my passions, and I have been playing and recording a lot lately around town. It's also cool that my kids have picked up on my passion and are playing for music industry people too! (Yes, I am a PROUD Papa!) I have a small concert on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and if you would like to hear my son Jake's band, go to My Space and enter in Marietta band. I need to warn you, he's 18, so this is not for the faint of heart!

Speaking of Independence Day...check out this month's insert! It includes a pretty amazing offer that will help you, or someone you refer, declare your INDEPENDENCE from old flooring that's driving you crazy.

Enjoy this issue!

Your Friend,

Mark Bouquet

#### **About Staying Well**

Prevent blood clots in legs by moving around on long trips...

By this time, you probably know that you need to move your legs occasionally when you are on a long airplane flight. If you don't, you risk getting blood clots in your legs, a condition known as deep vein thrombosis (DVT). It can happen to anyone, but is more likely to happen to anyone who normally has faster blood clotting.

Other DVT risks include taking birth control pills, a family history of blood clots, and being very overweight. Long periods of continuous sitting encourage their formation, but long car rides or train rides can be just as hazardous as a long airline flight.

Major surgery such as hip or knee replacement, surgery to the pelvic area, or trauma to the leg or pelvis area put you at a high risk for blood clots. If you suspect that you have a blood clot, always have the situation investigated as soon as possible. Seek emergency medical care if you experience symptoms.

# Did You Know....

#### The Disney Carpet Collection has arrived!!!

Inspired by the colorful worlds of favorite Disney friends, **The Disney Collection** weaves the warmth and soft durability of Shaw® carpet with the magic and fun of Disney. The collection is designed around six **Disney and Disney · Pixar favorites: Winnie the Pooh, Cars, Toy Story, Disney Princess, Disney Fairies and Hannah Montana.** 

#### DISNEY PRINCESS COLLECTION

With carpet this soft and pretty what princess wouldn't stay up dancing past bedtime?

#### WINNIE THE POOH COLLECTION

Your little one is ready to explore the world. . . thanks to bother-free carpet that's soft on tender knees and toes.

#### FAIRIES COLLECTION

Your little fairy's supply of pixie dust never runs out. . . and now it also cleans up easily.

#### CARS COLLECTION

Your champion racer never slows down. . . Good thing his pit crew chose stain resistant carpet.

#### TOY STORY COLLECTION

Your space ranger's imagination just took off for infinity and beyond. . . He

#### HANNAH MONTANA POP STAR COLLECTION

Your rising star is dreaming of spotlights and big performances . . . Luckily the carpet's tough enough to perform backup.

You can check out these fun new styles in our showroom or log on to <a href="https://www.ShawFloors.com">www.ShawFloors.com</a> and click on the Disney link!

## Mega Trivia Contest!

Who Wants To Win Dinner for 2 at TGI Fridays or Olive Garden? *Take our Trivia Challenge and you could win too!* 

Every person who e-mails in the correct answer by the 15th of the month will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate to TGI Fridays or Olive Garden!

This month's MegaTrivia question....
Which state was NOT one of the original 13 colonies? A) New York, B) Rhode Island,
C) Maine, D) Delaware.

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

Answer to last months quiz: Claudia Congratulations to last month's winner: Linda Keane

#### **Thoughts To Live By**

Written By Regina Brett, 90 years old, of The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me.. It is the most-requested column I've ever written."

- 1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- 2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- 3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- 4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
  - 5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
  - 6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
    - 7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
      - 8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
    - 9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
      - 10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- 11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- 13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
  - 14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- 15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
  - 16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
  - 17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
  - 18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- 19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood.. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
- 20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
- 21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special. 22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
- 23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple. 24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
  - 25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- 26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
  27. Always choose life.
  - 28. Forgive everyone everything.
- 29. What other people think of you is none of your business. 30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
  - 31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
  - 32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does. 33. Believe in miracles.
- 34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- 35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now. 36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
  - 37. Your children get only one childhood.
  - 38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- 39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- 40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- 41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need. 42. The best is yet to come.
- 43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up. 44. Yield.
  - 45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

## Welcome back to our returning clients...

DORELLE
ACKERMANN
JOSHUA BECKER
CAROL BROWN
MONIQUE DEWIT
DAVE DINASOS
JORDAN HAMSTRA
LEON & EVELYN
KETZEBACK
FRAN KONECKI
MARK AND MARY
O'MALLEY
MARK ROOP
JAN SABEY
LINDA VANDERLAAN

### New Friends And Clients!

#### Meet our new clients...

PAM MCGREGOR GREG AND JULIE RODRIGUEZ DAVE AND CARYN DUBOIS **NEIL VERHAGEN BRIAN AND CHRISTY MOLA** TOM AND JILL BROWNING DR. BARAKAT TRACY AND MIKE DEMPSEY MR. ENGVALL **ED PODOBNIK KELLY VANBAREN** MARY FARRELL SHERI POSTMA JANE SCHMALZ TAMMY CARR MR. PANCHAL **EDWARD KANE BARBARA KONING** DAVE AND LAURI **MAHAFFAY GLENN AND MARY** RUPPERT JIM AND KIM FORRESTER

#### It's Time to Invest in America

For the economy to strengthen, Americans need to become consumers again.....

In the American economy, some 70% of activity is derived by consumers. But when consumers hunker down and quit spending, economic activity decreases.

The history of America shows it has always had a tendency for action. It has made this country great. People and companies believed in the possibilities of the future and spent their money accordingly. Today, the mood is the opposite. Economists warn that if we don't jolt consumers and the economy back to life, we could fall into what economist John Maynard Keynes called the "paradox of thrift." That is, if everyone saves during a slack period, economic activity will decrease even more, making everyone poorer. If we don't start spending and investing again, we also run the risk of experiencing what was known as Japan's "lost decade of the 1990s."

There have been signs that investors are putting money back to work again. Retail sales are slowly rising, and housing starts for February were up more than 22 %. Sales of existing homes increased by about 5 %, but we have still a long, long way to go.

The rush to hoard cash and pinch pennies is understandable, given that the net worth of many investments has declined dramatically. But for our \$14 trillion economy to recover and thrive, money hoarders need to open their wallets again and become consumers. No one is recommending big credit card debt, but worthy and affordable purchases or investments should no longer be put on hold.

#### Travel Bag...

#### **Coolers for Cars, at Hotel**

It's not unusual for people traveling by car to take a cooler with a couple of iced-down soft drinks and sandwiches. This year, vacationers are going one step further to save on travel meals. Some have bought a refrigerator that plugs into the car's cigarette lighter so they can travel farther without visiting a restaurant.

Those flying into a city with their families should visit a discount store and buy a foam cooler. If they fill it with juices, fruit, cheese and snacks, they won't have to buy those \$10 items from the fridge in a hotel room.

One family, quoted in USA Today, says it's less expensive to take a family out for a big lunch at a nice restaurant than to take them out for dinner. For dinner, you can take them to a cheaper place.

#### Safety Tips

## Make Car Windows Sun-Safe

Safety-conscious drivers check their brakes and tire pressures regularly, but what about their vehicle windows?

Most windshields protect against ultraviolet A and B, but side windows in most vehicles don't. Many new cars have side and rear windows with factory installed sun protection, but other vehicles do not.

Side and rear windows allow ultraviolet A, the most dangerous kind of sun rays to aet through to the driver and passengers.

If you aren't ready for a new car right now, ask the dealership about installing window film. It costs about \$150 for a car and \$250 for a van or truck.

#### **MONEYWISE**

Late Income Tax Refunds...

Uncle Sam does a pretty good job of sending income tax refunds, usually getting them out in three to eight weeks after they receive a return. Taxpayers using e-file get speedier service.

Every year, however, refunds belonging to about 100,000 (with an average refund of \$988) never get to their destination. The IRS says these refunds are mainly due to an incorrect mailing address or incorrect direct-deposit information.

If you haven't received your refund in a reasonable time, go to irs.gov and check "Where's My Refund?"

#### Home Security Systems can be Wireless

Protect Yourself and Your Valuables...

If thousands of dollar signs fill your head when you think of a home security system, here's good news: New wireless systems are effective and can cost as little as \$200.

The systems cannot only help authorities catch a burglar (and keep your family safe), they can warn one not to enter in the first place. Professional burglars say they stay away from homes that are protected by a system and move on to easier prey.

A Web search will turn up several wireless systems. The GE Security's Simon XT is one of them. It costs about \$200, more for the deluxe version, plus \$30 a month for monitoring. The system can track activity in 40 zones of the house, such as windows or doors equipped with sensors. Like many systems, the sensors can be programmed to alert a homeowner by cellphone when one is triggered.

If you connect a digital video camera to the Simon XT, it can send images to you from the sensors. You could see who is by the front door or who is opening your liquor cabinet. Any system should include sensors for all perimeter doors, doors leading to a garage or store room, and several motion detectors.

The system should also include outside and inside alarms to scare off intruders. And it should have a silent alarm code in case someone forces the homeowners to shut down the alarm.

If a monitored system is not for you, consider Armor Concepts Door Jamb Armor. It reinforces all parts of the door that can break so it can't be kicked down. A full set costs about \$125.

## Just to make you smile! ©

The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Pelham, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. 'We live in a great country,' she announced. 'One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free.' Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, 'I'm not free. I'm four.'

#### 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. And Hey! What's a movie without popcorn? The gift certificate will also cover a big box of hot, buttered popcorn and sodas!

## **WARNING**

Don't visit any flooring dealer until you call us for a <u>FREE</u> 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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# Independence

From Old, Worn Out, Dated Floors!



## Red White and Blue Sale

Dear Friend & Client,

If you've even been thinking about replacing your floors, I want to help you by giving you...

### 17.76% or 7.4% Of Flooring FREE During July!

I want to help you declare your INDEPENDENCE from floors that need replacing! So bring this letter to Creative Carpet during July and I'll give you either 17.76% or 7.4% FREE FLOORING – depending upon which style you choose. EVERY style is included in this spectacular sale, but with prices that great, I can't discount the labor. Come in and see what we have!!

#### **But that's not all!**

The first five sales of 50 yards or more during the month of July will receive a 16 X 20 digital photomosaic. This professional photo is a montage of a Bald Eagle and the American Flag comprised of over 3000 individual patriotic photos. You simply must see!!

#### And don't forget . . .

## You Are Protected By My 100% Iron-Clad, Bullet-Proof "Zero Regrets Guarantee": You'll love your new floors or I'll replace them...FREE!

If at any time during the first 30 days after installation you decide you don't like your new flooring for whatever reason, just let me know. I'll replace the materials free of charge. (With an outrageously good guarantee like this, I can't include the cost of installation, so you'll have to cover that.)

#### Get ZERO Down, ZERO Interest, And ZERO Payments For 12 Months!

Holy smokes! 17.76% or 7.4% FREE! Amazing financing options! Free digital photomosaic! What are you waiting for?? Bring this letter on down to Creative Carpet and let's get you the flooring you deserve!

Your Friend,

Mark Bouquet

P.S. Don't Delay! My offer for 17.76% or 7.4% Free is for the month of July only!

P.P.S. Who is the next person you know who needs new floors? Can I count on you to pass this letter along to them? You will be doing them a HUGE favor by referring them to a flooring professional they can trust. PLUS...you'll be rewarded for your referrals!

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