

# HOME ADVISOR™

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Mark Bouquet



Mark Bouquet Jr.

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**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!!!** -From all of us at Creative Carpet

*This has to be my favorite time of the year: summer, cookouts and memories of my dad's Fourth of July get-togethers. He would have the whole neighborhood over! I hope you all enjoy your summer and our Nation's independence too. We are still the greatest nation in the world, and that is something I am thankful for.*

*Also, thank you for your loyal support and your referrals while I was out from surgery. I cannot express my gratitude enough.*

*God Bless ~ Mark Bouquet, Sr.*

### Work Tips: Down Time

You wouldn't rev a high-priced race car to its max and leave it there for 8 hours. Why? It wouldn't be good for the engine. Yet we do this to our bodies and minds every day of the week - small wonder we have stress-related illnesses.

It's simply not good for any of us to rev ourselves to the max, pin the needle in the red and leave it there. Figure this out: your life will be happier, and you'll be more productive and creative.

Plan some down time for yourself each day, even if you can only grab 5 minutes at a time. Think of nothing, do nothing. Don't answer the phone, don't look at texts, nothing. Let the engine of your body and

### Attention Michelle Edgin!

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 July 31st, 2011**

### Thanks for the kind words!

I am very pleased with my recent carpet purchase. Mark was very accommodating and knowledgeable. Installation was fast, neat and the installers took extra care with my antique furniture.

**Ann-Marie Lyons -**



Please excuse the markings on our copies. Our machine is having issues and will be repaired by the next newsletter. Thanks for your understanding!

## ? Moneywise: Vacation, Staycation ?

Traditionally we hit the road (or skies) each summer for a family vacation, but there are an equally good number of reasons to stay home. When you're sitting down to make plans, here are some factors to consider:

### **Vacation-**

- Makes a total break from the old day-to-day
- Improves your mood – home looks a lot better when you've been away
- Educational – you & the family will meet people and see places that will broaden your perspective
- Fun, no getting around it!
- If you don't overdo the bus tours, should be relaxing

### **Staycation-**

- Given some creative thought, can be just as fun, relaxing and educational as a vacation
- Will probably leave you more rested, since you're not travelling as far, or running around as much
- Allows you to explore the hidden treasures in your own area
- Should leave you feeling closer as a family, since you're planning the activities together (hint, hint)
- So much less expensive, it's beyond belief. Many of the activities and destinations you discover will be free or very low cost. Make it a game to find the best ones and you'll have a fabulous time!

## 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....*

Who was on the Throne of England at the time of the Boston Tea Party?

- A) Charles I B) James II
- C) George III or D) Elizabeth I

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: Basketball

Congratulations to last month's winner:

**TERI HABEL**

## Did You Know. . .

**You Get A FREE Lifetime Installation Warranty with EVERY FLOOR from Creative Carpet!**

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Buying flooring is not like buying any other piece of interior décor, such as a sofa or a lamp. Why? Well, unlike other products, flooring is installed, or "manufactured", in your home. This makes the installation critical.

We offer a lifetime installation warranty. You NEVER have to worry about something going wrong with the installation. If it does, we'll fix it FREE!

And if it does, we'll do it quickly!!

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

CARA SCOTT  
CATHY STOECKER  
KATHLEEN STUDENROTH  
LAURA BEECHY  
LIZ & DAN PETERSON

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**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!



## NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS

JOHN CO  
TARAS YURKIV  
DAVE & BARB DUTKO  
MARY LYNN  
GARRISON  
JIM & CAROL TRCH  
CHARLES & LISA  
BAKER  
CAROL LANDERS  
BRIAN & ALLISON  
O'MARA  
PEGGY HARVEY  
MELISSA BEECHY  
JEANNENE  
PETERSON  
TOM FREMAULT  
MIKE & KIM  
DELOIAN

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

MIKE & MARY SMITH  
SUE BARRETT  
JIM MCCLURE  
MARIA SCHISEL  
JOANNE & JACK  
JOHNSON  
KIM WHITE

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"You spoil that canary."

## Home Advisor: Gardening in Skids

If you're lucky enough to have some outdoor space, there are creative ways to indulge your gardening passion even with a tiny yard or balcony.

Container gardening can be done almost anywhere, but the most creative idea I've run across lately involves skids.

Construction sites are a great source for skids, as contractors are usually happy to get rid of them. The only other materials you need are potting soil and thick waterproof plastic.



You can even attach your skid (or pallet as they're sometimes called) vertically instead of horizontally, and turn your tiny space into a productive garden!

## About Staying Well:

### Summer Drinks & Weight-loss



What if you could turn this ongoing heat-wave into an opportunity to lose weight—without exercising or changing what you eat?

Here's all you have to do: Think before you drink. A lot of what's offered at the supermarket and the corner convenience store is likely to make this summer only more miserable—by adding inches to your waistline.

According to a study in the journal *Obesity*, liquids account for more than 20 percent—some 450 daily calories—of the American diet, and most of this is sugar. Another study from the University of Minnesota demonstrated that added sugars are directly linked to weight gain. We're drinking ourselves fat!

But that doesn't mean you have to spend the summer feeling drier and tired. All you need to do is make some smart swaps, and start shedding pounds! A third study, published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, found that cutting liquid calories resulted in greater weight loss than cutting food calories. That's right—it's not what you eat, it's what you drink. You can lose more weight by cutting sugary drinks than you can by eliminating burgers and hot dogs. With that in mind, I've unearthed the most devious calorie offenders you're likely to encounter this summer, compliments of *Drink This, Not That!* This summer, you'll not only feel cooler—you'll look hotter.



## Recipe Corner

FLAG CAKE 18 SERVINGS

Have a recipe you'd like to share? Send to:  
[PAMELA@CREATIVECARPETINC.COM](mailto:PAMELA@CREATIVECARPETINC.COM)

And feel free to bring in a  
sample for us to try!

### Ingredients

- 1 package (18-1/4 ounces) French vanilla cake mix
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 4 eggs

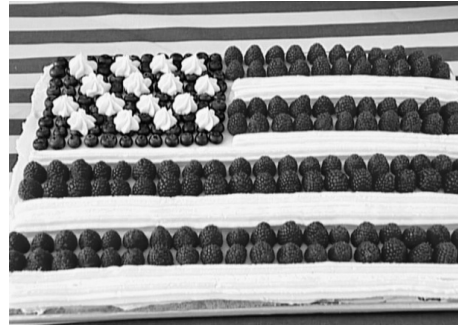
#### FILLING:

- 1 package (3 ounces) berry blue gelatin
- 1-1/2 cups boiling water, divided
- 1 cup cold water, divided
- Ice cubes
- 1 package (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
- 2/3 cup finely chopped fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup fresh blueberries

#### FROSTING:

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons 2% milk
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow crème

**Nutrition Facts:** 1 piece equals 438 calories, 18 g fat (8 g saturated fat), 81 mg cholesterol, 363 mg sodium, 67 g carbohydrate, trace fiber, 4 g protein



Flag Cake published in Taste of Home USO Flag Cake Campaign

**Directions :** Line a 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan with waxed paper and grease the paper; set aside. In a large bowl, combine the first four ingredients; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

Transfer cake to a covered cake board. Cut a 5-in. x 4-in. rectangle (1/2 in. deep) in the top left corner of cake, leaving a 1/2-in. border at outside edges of cake. For red stripes, cut seven 1/2-in. wide rows across cake, about 1/2 in. deep, leaving a 1/2-in. border at outside edges of cake.

In a small bowl, dissolve berry blue gelatin in 3/4 cup boiling water. Pour 1/2 cup cold water into a 2-cup measuring cup; add enough ice cubes to measure 1-1/4 cups. Stir into gelatin until slightly thickened. Scoop out and discard any remaining ice cubes. Repeat, making strawberry gelatin.

In a small bowl, combine strawberries and 1 cup strawberry gelatin. In another bowl, combine blueberries and 1 cup blue gelatin. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or just until soft-set (save remaining gelatin for another use).

Stir gelatin mixtures. Slowly pour blueberry mixture into rectangle; spoon strawberry mixture into stripes. In a large bowl, beat butter until fluffy; beat in the confectioners' sugar and milk until smooth. Add marshmallow cream; beat until light and fluffy. Spread 1 cup over sides and top edge of cake.

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- 5 questions to ask a dealer before buying

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Sat 10a – 4p





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PLEASE** →

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