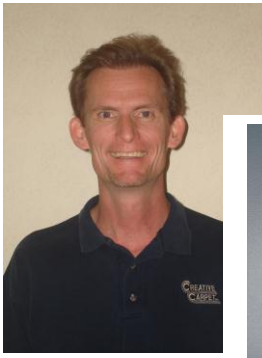
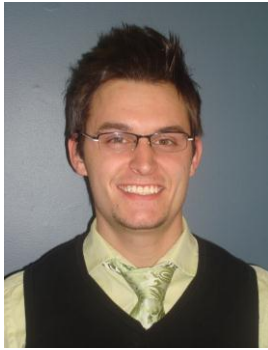


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Hi Everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed your summer! Wow, this humidity has been something else this year. Either that, or I am getting older and don't deal with it as well. Soon we'll be complaining about how cold we are, so I suppose we should just roll with it.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the 10 year anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and those lost in Pennsylvania. Whatever side of the political spectrum you are on, they were just people going to work and are terribly missed by their families.

I would like to thank God for the brave men and women who ran into those buildings to save others. So many gone, but NEVER FORGOTTEN!

With all the political battles going on and this horrible anniversary, try to give your loved ones an extra hug. Kiss your kids goodnight, and try not to sweat the small stuff. Remember, none of us are guaranteed a second more in life. Keep our military men and women in your prayers.

Finally, even with all our problems and faults, we still live in the greatest nation on earth. I personally thank God I was born in the USA. We really don't know how fortunate we are.

God Bless America!

Mark Sr.



Attention JOHN CO!

You are this month's Mystery Winner!
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The Truth Is Bubbling Up About Gum

"Don't swallow your gum; it'll stay in your stomach for seven years!" How many times did you hear that when you were growing up? But is it true?

Medical experts and scientists are bursting the bubble of this old refrain. Gum passes through your digestive system at about the same rate as the foods you eat. However, unlike your food, it won't undergo much change. Gum is unaffected by the digestive process.

And it's a good thing gum doesn't hang around in our systems for years and years since, according to The Wrigley Company, Americans chew on average 170 sticks of gum per year—which would indicate there's probably a decent amount of gum-swallowing going on.

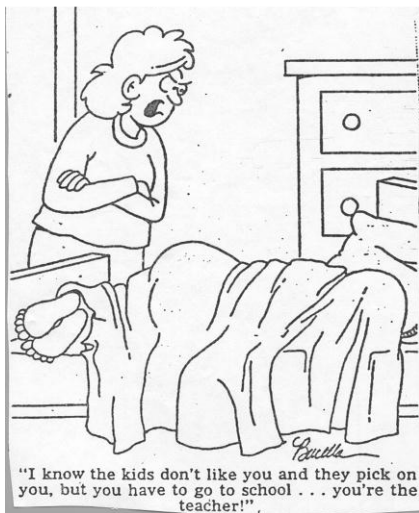
This & That...

MILLIONAIRES ARE MORE FRUGAL THAN YOU MIGHT THINK. More than half of U.S. millionaires insist they never spend more than \$400.00 on a suit, \$140.00 on a pair of shoes or \$250.00 on a wristwatch.

When U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin sat down to eat their first meal on the moon in their historic 1969 voyage, their foil food packets contained roasted turkey and all the trimmings.

Mature turkeys have 3,500 or so feathers at maturity. Ninety percent of American homes eat turkey on Thanksgiving. Fifty percent eat turkey on Christmas.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES account for approximately \$1-trillion of our U.S. economy, according to Home Business Magazine. Facts 'n stats: average household income \$52,300.00, median age of home-based entrepreneur is 40, 53% married, 83% have attended some college, 30% graduated from a 4-year college.



A FEW HELPFUL HINTS

- 1) Pack lunches the night before and refrigerate.
- 2) Make sure backpacks are packed and ready to go the night before.
- 3) Create a homework center. Stock with extra supplies needed to complete homework. Make sure it's not near a T.V.
- 4) Lay out clothes the night before.
- 5) Create a special hamper in the laundry room for uniforms and other rush items.
- 6) About 2 weeks before school starts begin going to bed and getting up on a school schedule.
- 7) The weekend before school starts don't make any stressful plans for big events or trips.
- 8) Make up some freezable lunch and breakfast items for those crazy days. Thaw and nuke!
- 9) Label, Label, Label - All items that will be taken to school or worn and taken off at school!
- 10) Before purchasing new supplies, go through last year's and see what you can reuse: combine old glue, reuse folders and binders, scissors, etc.

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

What is the world's largest fish?

- a) Sturgeon b) Whale Shark
c) Grouper

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

Answer to last months quiz: Mercury

Congratulations to last month's winner:

Jodie Stellmach

The glow of one warm thought is, to me, worth more than money." *Thomas Jefferson*

Did You Know...

Creative Carpet has **The Disney Collection!**

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**.

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NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS

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NICK GENEMARAS
PAT FORD BUSH
EVA SPIEWAK
DAVE & SHARON MYSLIWIEC
RUBY JOHNSON
JOHN RIEDAS
BETH LETTIERE
SHANNON BERGE
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BERNIE BRUINIUS
BOB & MARY FREUDENTHAL
MICHAEL & HEIDI MANTEL
KELLI MASLOW
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FRANK GUAJARDO
ANNETTE GRAHAM
VALERIE PIAZZA
JOHN LENON
DOROTHY & PAUL BELLONE
BOB & CATHY LARK
NIKKI & RICK MIKRUT
JEFF KARNIA
DELORES WELLINGTON
JANET REIS
COLEEN KUBOWICZ

Welcome Back to Our Returning Clients...

DEBBIE MCCLELLAN
MIKE PANAGIOTAROS
DENNIS BURRIS
STEVE & NANCY ROCKWOOD
JOSHUA BECKER
DAVID STELLMACH
BARBARA SATRUN
JOE & JANE MALECKI
PAUL STOTT
JOSHUA BECKER
BRAD & LINDA SUBLER
JEFF & TWILA ACHTERHOFF

“Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds us down or polishes us up depends on us.”

– L. Thomas
Holdcroft

DISORDER IN AMERICA

These are from a book called *Disorder in the American Courts*, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, ‘Where am I, Cathy?’

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess!



About Staying Well...

“Probiotics found in yogurt and other foods help digestive tract fight allergies”

Probiotics are good bacteria that could improve your digestive tract. They last a long time in the intestines and the bacteria help regulate and restore the rhythmic motion of the intestines that push digested food through. The bacteria can battle a number of allergies, not just food allergies. Anything you breathe is also swallowed.

The FDA is taking a neutral stance on probiotic products. But it is cautioning food makers not to pitch their products as a cure for any sort of specific disease. People with weakened immune systems, people who are very ill and people in the hospital should stay away from them. Plain yogurt is the best source, but chocolate and sauerkraut are also good. One company is coming out with a probiotic chocolate bar. Hooray for all of us chocolate lovers!



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

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Work Tips

Before speaking, consider this sage advice:

When you have the strong urge to make someone understand your point of view at work, you might want to step back and think before you speak. Why? Because you need to ask yourself what kind of situation you are wanting to comment on. If you give advice, will it be appreciated—or rejected without being considered. If the other person truly is seeking help in solving a concrete problem, then advice might be appreciated. But if not, then you should consider that the other person might merely be looking for someone to listen to what his problem is—in this case advice is not usually appropriate or desired by the other party.

This is a skill that is learned over time: determining the best response to another's needs. Before you respond to anyone, heed habit five in Stephen Covey's classic, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*: "Seek first to understand, then to be understood." Consider also the wisdom of Richard Saunders who said, "Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demands."

Moneywise: Best not to fiddle with your 401(k)

Though the stock market figures haven't been that encouraging, don't panic. A solid retirement account will be yours if you just stay calm.

Here's why. Your 401(k) investment is generally placed in diversified mutual funds that will moderate any temporary losses, say financial advisors writing in *Newsweek*. The stock market always rises over the long term so you will rack up significant gains in years to come. It will happen.

In the meantime, look for opportunities that may be available in a slow economy. If you get a good deal on a house, it could be worth much more in a few years and could be worth twice as much in 10 years. You could shop for a cheaper mortgage or buy a good stock that is selling now for less than it is actually worth.



Recipe Corner

Baked Salmon Fillets Dijon

Prep Time: 10 Min **Cook Time:** 15 Min
Amount Per Serving Calories: **331** | Total Fat: **21.5g** |
Cholesterol: **107mg** Powered by *ESHA Nutrient Database*

Ingredients

- 4 (4 ounce) fillets salmon
- 3 tablespoons prepared Dijon-style mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup Italian-style dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Line a shallow baking pan with aluminum foil.
2. Place salmon skin-side down on foil. Spread a thin layer of mustard on the top of each fillet, and season with salt and pepper. Top with bread crumbs, then drizzle with melted butter.
3. Bake in a preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until salmon flakes easily with a fork.

By: [CHRISTYJ](#)

"Delicious baked salmon coated with Dijon-style mustard and seasoned bread crumbs, and topped with butter."

HAVE A RECIPE YOU LIKE TO SHARE?

Send to: Pamela@creativecarpetinc.com

Thanks for the kind words!

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