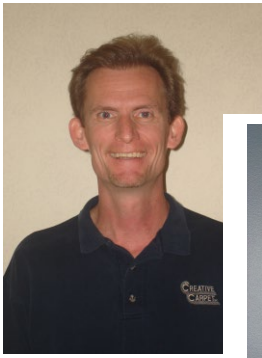


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Hi Friends!

Get ready because fall is upon us. Personally, I love the season, but I just don't care for what follows - with the exception of the holidays. I'm ready for less humidity, but not the snow and freezing rain.

I hope you all fared well through the summer. I know a lot of our friends and family are fighting through these tough economic times, and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. As Americans we need to roll up our sleeves and work together to create the America our fore-fathers envisioned for us.

We need a more "civil" discourse and a realization that we can no longer allow the people we elect to "kick the can" down the road. This will take compromise, something I admit I am not good at. Regardless, I love my country and I love my kids. I don't want to be the generation that leaves the country in worse shape than I received it. I'm confident all Americans, regardless of political persuasion, would agree with this.

Lastly, I want to once again thank you for your trust in us. It is difficult to spend hard earned money, and we don't take the faith you placed in us for granted. As always, we will try our best to do a great job to honor that faith, because, after all faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen.

Thank you so much!

Your friend, Mark Sr.

Attention Donna Haugh!

You are this month's Mystery Winner!
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Useless Knowledge

The Super Ball™ was born in 1965, and it became America's most popular plaything that year. By Christmas time, only six months after Super Balls were introduced by Wham-O, 7 million balls had been sold at 98 cents apiece. Normann Stingley, a California chemist, invented the remarkable bouncing gray ball. He compressed a synthetic rubber material under 3,500 pounds of pressure per square inch. It had resiliency of 92 percent, about

Signs of Autumn:

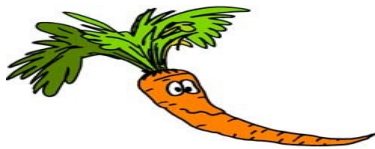
As fall unfolds, migrating animals are moving and the days grow shorter. Are your spiders coming inside? That is one of the signs of fall, along with acorns, walnuts and hickory nuts dropping.



Did you know that swallows are among the first migrants in the autumn? Maples are the first to show signs of fall foliage. Chrysanthemums are another sure sign of fall. Even though mums certainly have been growing in the garden all summer, they generally are overlooked until their button-shaped buds of red, purple, yellow and white burst into full bloom. The first day of Autumn is celebrated September 21st, although the actual autumnal equinox is not until September 22nd or 23rd. On this day the sun's rays are directly over the earth at the equator.

Moneywise: How much do we waste?

Is it really true that we throw out 30% of the food we buy? Some studies suggest we do.



If this is the case in your household, what a great potential source of savings! Eliminate waste and cut your food bill by a third??

We obviously don't throw out non-perishables, so it must be meat, fruit, vegetables and the dreaded food group "leftovers". You can avoid a lot of this waste; here are a few quick suggestions:

- Never shop when you're hungry
- Plan your meals before you shop
- Don't make enough for a regiment
- Review the contents of your fridge regularly
- Juice fruits & vegetables that are past their prime

Thank You for the Kind Words

From the moment I walked in I was greeted with a smile and help. (The Boss) He tried every way possible to get me what I needed. Then his son, Mark Jr., took over and he was just as nice and willing to please. My carpet is wonderful and just what I wanted!

Thank you. **Pat - Mokena**

Did You Know...

We're Booking Up FAST!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WARNING:

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If you come in at the last minute we'll do our best to fit you in, but it's very likely you'll have to wait for several weeks. Don't take that chance! **CALL OR VISIT US NOW!!**

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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 Mega Trivia question

Dry Ice" is not ice, but actually a compressed form of what gas?

a) Hydrogen b) Carbon Dioxide
c) Carbon Monoxide d) Nitrogen

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: **WHALE SHARK**

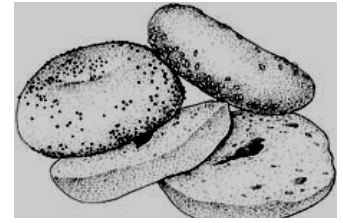
Congratulations to last month's winner:

Gina Deegan

About Staying Well: Gluten

If you're like me, you've been hearing a lot about gluten. What's up with that?

Gluten is a protein found in a number of grains, including wheat, rye and barley. It's what makes pizza dough stretchy and elastic, what gives bread its "kneadability".



But for some people, gluten is harmful. Those with celiac disease cannot tolerate gluten at all. They comprise a relatively small percentage of the population, around 1%. If you had celiac disease, you would have known about it from childhood.

What has recently come to public attention is that some of us are gluten-intolerant. If you are prone to indigestion, stomach cramps, diarrhea, bloating and a host of symptoms too embarrassing to mention, there's a possibility that gluten is giving you grief. You might consider eliminating it from your diet for a few weeks to see what happens.

As always, our advice comes with a grain of salt. Don't go on stupid, extreme diets – ever – and make sure you get your needed nutrients elsewhere. Fortunately, there's a long list of grains and flours that don't contain gluten: corn, rice, quinoa, arrowroot, potato and many more.

Home Advisor: It's Perennial Time

Late summer/early fall is an excellent time to think perennials. Here are some plantings that are best done this time of year:

- Perennial flowers like lilies, iris, daisy and phlox
- Garlic does best planted this time of year
- All shrubs and flowering shrubs
- Trees such as maple, spruce, pine and all evergreens



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Work Tips: Head in the Clouds



Back in the March 2011 issue of Home Advisor (and we know you save them!), we first talked about Cloud Computing. Now the big companies are jumping on board.

But should you have concerns about the new Cloud workspaces if you're collaborating with your co-workers? What security issues should you keep in mind?

First up, welcome to the real world: there's no such thing as security - especially not in the Cloud. Anything that can be hacked will eventually be hacked. So don't store high-end passwords in documents that you share with co-workers. Don't store credit card numbers with convenient expiration dates & security codes. Any info with that high a security level should be kept in-house.

There are some other good questions you can ask. Where will your data be stored? Who will be able to access it? What kind of backup does the company have in case of data loss?

Everyone thinks security, but there's another huge consideration. By uploading your documents to a Cloud-based sharing service, are you inadvertently giving up ownership and control of them? Are you giving them copyright? Look out for the small print in any agreement, before you enter into it. With all that said, now that you're ready to bury your spreadsheets in the back yard, there's a huge upside to the Cloud.

Once your provider satisfies all your concerns as to security, privacy and ownership rights, you have a magnificent platform for collaborative work. Your shared files can be accessed from any location, over various platforms, and best of all, you won't care if your hard drive dies!



Recipe Corner

Harvest Pumpkin Soup

4 Servings **Prep: 15 min. Cook: 6 hours**

Ingredients

1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon ground sage
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 small pumpkins (about 1 pound each)
3 cups chicken stock
3/4 cup heavy cream
4 tablespoons sour cream

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Cut pumpkins in half and scoop out seeds. Spray a cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Place pumpkins, flesh side down on the cookie sheet and roast until soft to the touch, about 45 minutes. Remove pumpkins from oven and let cool. Once pumpkins are cool scrape flesh from skins into a food processor. Discard skins. Add chicken stock to the pumpkin and puree. Pour soup into a large saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Stir in cream, nutmeg, sage and salt. Mix well and remove from heat. Serve garnished with a dollop of sour cream. Makes 4 servings
Enjoy Harvest Pumpkin Soup!



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