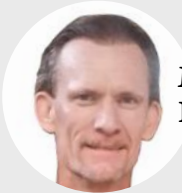


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**"Mark" My Words...** a message from Dawn Giganti for Mark Bouquet, Sr. Hi and HAPPY SUMMER!

Well, it sure took long enough to get here. I think the lengthy anticipation made me appreciate the warmer weather even more. However, I'm sure next month I'll be eating my words wishing it was cooler. Isn't how that always works? It doesn't have to be. It's all in the way you look at things.

It's been a rough past couple of weeks for me. Long story short, it's been just one thing after another. It was totally bringing me down and actually making it difficult for me to concentrate when I needed to. Even writing the newsletter was a challenge. Then, in the height of it all... by the grace of God, I just decided enough was enough! Some things are just out of your control. It's how you DECIDE to deal with them is on you.

Stress brings out the worst in everyone. In those situations, keeping YOURSELF in check helps in volumes. Also, don't waste your time and energy trying to change anyone else's way of doing and thinking. You are just swimming upstream doing that!

More than likely, there is something in your life that's not going as planned right now. You might be disappointed, stressed, angry or feeling just plain down. Maybe you messed up, or someone else did. Perhaps you're feeling that life just isn't fair. I'm sure you've heard this one before... but life isn't always fair. But that's okay! Why? Because...

Ultimately, you get to choose... because it's all in how you respond.

Don't sweat the small stuff because that's all it is... small stuff.

Check your attitude and the way you respond. First and foremost, pray and ask for help. Choose laughter, joy, forgiveness and keep moving forward. In the end, that's how you'll win.

Have a wonderful and blessed 4th of July holiday and summer!

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant  
Creative Carpet & Flooring



## SPECIAL MILITARY DISCOUNT!

IN HONOR OF THE SPECIAL HOLIDAY THIS MONTH, WE'VE DECIDED TO DOUBLE OUR REGULAR MILITARY DISCOUNT FROM \$1.00 OFF TO \$2.00 OFF PER YARD!

(WILL BE COMBINED WITH OTHER SALES)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY!

### Month at a Glance:

**4th Independence Day** - We will be closed on the 4th of July to celebrate the birthday of our nation and the freedom that comes with it thanks to all who have served.

**9th Dawn Giganti's Birthday** - As much as I enjoy birthdays, I try to celebrate them in moderation... too many can kill you!

**14th Michelle Cress' Birthday** - Now you're old enough to wear the clothes you put away until they came back in style! Happy birthday, Michelle. You rock!

**15th Be a Dork Day** - If you are not currently a dork, today is your chance to be one! If you are not sure how, call the Mokena showroom and ask for Markie!

**28th Parent's Day** - Not a gift giving day! It's a day to spend some quality time with your parents. If you are not fortunate to have your parents with you anymore, do something special in their honor.

2019 JULY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 CLOSED	5	6
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## Thoughts to Live By

50 Lessons from the book "God Never Blinks" written by Regina Brett, 63 years old, of Ravenna, Ohio.

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. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
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. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
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. Overprepare, 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 except 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. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
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. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
45. The best is yet to come.
46. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
47. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
48. If you don't ask, you don't get.
49. Yield.
50. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift..



Regina Brett is the New York Times bestselling author of "God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours," which has been published in more than 24 languages. She also wrote "Be the Miracle: 50 Lessons for Making the Impossible Possible."

Her newest book, "God Is Always Hiring: 50 Lessons for Finding Fulfilling Work," was released in 2015. Regina wrote it to help people find their mission in life.

Her inspirational columns appear regularly in Ohio's largest newspaper, The Plain Dealer, where she was a finalist in 2008 and 2009 for the Pulitzer Prize in Commentary. She also writes for the Cleveland Jewish News and is syndicated by the Jewish News Service.

Regina has a master's degree in religious studies from John Carroll University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Kent State University. You can find out more about her at [www.reginabrett.com](http://www.reginabrett.com).

Brett, R. (2010). God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours. In R. Brett, *God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours* (p. 388). New York: Grand Central Publishing.

### **MEET OUR NEW & RETURNING FRIENDS & CLIENTS...**

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| Bernadette Benson    | Nowaczyk             | Kim Phillipos        | Patty Leggero        |
| Bessie Duda          | Faye Montgomery      | Kirk & Jean          | Paul & Lisa Taube    |
| Beth Misunas         | Florian Siwinski     | Cavanaugh            | Paul Ciesiun         |
| Bill Magnuson        | Frankie Pretzel      | Laura & David Ipema  | Peggie Oskilanin     |
| Bill Welever         | George & Gerri       | Lillian Licheniak    | Peter Lettiere       |
| Blaine Cusack        | Hoeksema             | Lisa Klemm           | Phil & Christie      |
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| Brian & Edith Lenz   | Helen Lekavich       | Lori Zachau-Sears    | Rita Rosana          |
| Brian Long           | Jack Daly            | Luisa Regalado       | Robert Turner        |
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| Chris August         | Dudzik               | Marcia VanDrunen     | Ruby & Jim Stevenson |
| Cindy Matlosz        | Jan & Tom Petrak     | Marisa Brewer        | Ryan & Gina Salin    |
| Cindy Nugent         | Janine Harrison      | Mark & Doreen Lissy  | Ryan Norris          |
| Colin Roemer         | Jason Briscoe        | Mark Mercado         | Seung Shin           |
| Colleen Lindbloom    | Jerry Buczko         | Martin Nemeth        | Sharon Oddo          |
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For every person you refer who becomes a client, we will send you out to dinner!

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We take that trust very seriously and promise that if you refer someone to Creative Carpet & Flooring, we will do everything in our power to make sure you look like a hero for referring us!

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## Website Raises Awareness About Pet Suffocation Hazards

We've all seen funny videos of dogs, cats, and other animals with their heads stuck in potato chip bags or other kinds of food packaging. But did you ever stop to think about what would happen if your pet got his head stuck in a bag while you were not at home to pull it off?

The website Prevent Pet Suffocation seeks to raise awareness among pet owners about the very real dangers of a seemingly cute situation. Because many food bags are made from mylar-type materials designed to keep food fresh, these packages can create a vacuum-like seal around your pet's head as she tries to breathe.

If you are not around to remove the bag, your pet can run around the house in a panic and lose even more oxygen at a faster rate. Dogs, cats, and other animals can asphyxiate and die in a matter of minutes.

What can you do to prevent this heartbreaking tragedy from happening in your home? Prevent Pet Suffocation has created an online petition asking Frito Lay to put warning labels on their snack bags. You can lend your voice to this effort.

Also, check out this infographic for tips on how to prevent suffocation. It can be as simple as cutting up empty bags and storing open bags in a secure cabinet and not on the kitchen counter.

**BAGS CAN SUFFOCATE YOUR PET**

Snack Food bags, Cereal Box Liners, Pet Food Bags and other food containers can suffocate your pet within minutes.

**Always Cut or Tear Bags Open After Use**

**How does this happen?**

Most people know about chicken bones and chocolate, but pets put their heads into bags and containers looking for a treat. As they try to lick and breathe, the package creates a vacuum-like seal around your pet's head cutting off oxygen. Struggling to breathe, your pet panics. Trying to remove the packaging, your pet breathes faster and faster, eventually collapsing and dying of asphyxiation.

**What can you do to protect your pet?**

- Always Cut or Tear Bags After Use
- Keep air-tight food containers where pets cannot reach them.
- Educate others on the pet suffocation risks from bags and other food packages
- Make the Cut and Pass it On!

**He didn't have to die ...**

*"I came home to discover my beloved dog Teddy's lifeless body on the floor. The chip bag that suffocated him was still on his head. I could never imagine that a chip bag might kill him. If I had only known ..."*

- Kim, Annapolis MD

**For More Information:**  
[PreventPetSuffocation.com](http://PreventPetSuffocation.com)  
[Facebook.com/PreventPetSuffocation/](https://www.facebook.com/PreventPetSuffocation/)

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You can also follow Prevent Pet Suffocation on Facebook to keep up to date on their awareness campaign and see some very moving posts about people's beloved pets who have suffered this very sad (and preventable) fate.

The Foundation for Animal Care and Education (FACE). (2018, March 5). *Website Raises Awareness About Pet Suffocation Hazards*. Retrieved from face4pets: <https://face4pets.wordpress.com/2018/03/05/website-raises-awareness-about-pet-suffocation-hazards/amp>

## MEGA Trivia Contest

Who wants to WIN a \$50 Gift Card towards dinner at TGI Friday's, Olive Garden or Beggars Pizza?

**Take our Trivia Challenge!**

This month's Mega Trivia question:

**Which nail goes faster?**

**(A) Pointer**

**(B) Middle**

**(C) Ring**

**(D) Pinky**

To enter, visit our website at [www.creativecarpetinc.com](http://www.creativecarpetinc.com), click on "MEGA Trivia" under *Specials* and take your best guess. Your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter. Entry deadline, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Good luck!!!

**Answer to June's quiz:**

**C) Orange**

Congratulations to last month's winner:

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

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**The Great Outdoors - 10 Tips for a Successful Camp Out**



1. - Always pitch camp before dark. Keep in mind that with tents, bigger isn't necessarily better - you'll have to lug it to your campsite, after all. Try your tent out at home to detect any problems ahead of time. Bring extra tent poles just in case yours break. Keep a window slightly unzipped at night to reduce moisture inside the tent. Pack an old shower curtain to place on the ground to keep you dry in case it rains.
2. - Always pick a sleeping bag that will keep you toasty in a lower temperature range than you plan to camp in, just in case the mercury drops. Place a pad or long cushion beneath it for a much more comfortable slumber. Instead of packing a pillow, improvise by inflating a large, heavy-duty plastic bag, and use that to cushion your head.
3. - Only take what's necessary to prepare each meal. For example, if your group is small, bring two cups of quick-cook oats rather than an entire 48-serving canister of oatmeal. Use sealed plastic bags to mix food. Always carry bottled water with you. Wrap it in foil to keep it cold.
4. - Protect and preserve nature so that you and future generations can enjoy it again and again.
5. - Dress in loose layers of clean clothing so you can peel off layers of clothing before you start sweating. Wear closed-toe shoes that have moisture-absorbing lining. Prevent blisters by rubbing a bar of soap on your heels and underneath your toes before you head out. Always pack a waterproof poncho!
6. - Look out for wasp nests and other insects and bugs. It's a good idea to wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants near vegetation to prevent rashes or bites. It won't hurt to apply insect repellent and carry calamine lotion and an antihistamine or allergy medicine on hand in case you come across an irritant.
7. - It's a significant mistake campers make, but you can avoid wandering too far away from your campsite by carrying a few simple tools at all times. A compass, map and GPS device can keep you from disappearing into the land of the lost.
8. - For starters, you'll want to have water-purifying tablets, a water filter and a metal bowl. Then, add a survival knife, which can be used to hunt, to protect yourself and to signal for help. You can make waterproof matches by dipping regular ones in either nail polish or paraffin. A plastic medicine bottle makes a handy caddy for your waterproof matches. Keep a flashlight, spare batteries and a small first aid kit with you. Stock bandages, wound cleanser, latex gloves and cold packs in it.
9. - Keep a bottle of hand sanitizer in your pocket. Use rubbing alcohol and cotton balls to freshen up non-sensitive areas of the body. Use a sponge and biodegradable soap to take birdbaths once or twice a day. Brush your teeth using purified water with toothpaste or baking soda. Soak your feet in stream water when available. Steer clear of colognes and perfumes because they attract bugs.
10. - Be sure to have the right clothing to protect your child. Teach your children how to prevent getting lost and what to do if this should happen. Provide a flashlight or glow stick to each child and review the rules several times a day to remind children what to do to stay safe.



Here are the top ten 4th of July jokes sent in by kids (and one grownup) from all over the country:

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| #10 What's red, white, blue, and green? A patriotic turtle! ~Jessica, age 7, Abilene, TX                                    | #5 What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed? The Fodder of Our Country! ~Marie K., age 12, Dallas, TX |
| #9 What did one flag say to the other flag? Nothing. It just waved! ~Eloise, age 9, Charlottesville, VA                     | #4 Teacher: "Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?" Student: "On the bottom!" ~Christy, age 14, Denver, CO            |
| #8 Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington? Because the horse was too heavy to carry! ~Betty, age 9, CT | #3 Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell? Yeah, it cracked me up! ~Tom P., age 8, KY  |
| #7 How is a healthy person like the United States? They both have good constitutions! ~Tom P., age 8, KY                    | #2 What did King George think of the American colonists? He thought they were revolting! ~Scott, age 11, CO                       |
| #6 What dance was very popular in 1776? Indepen-dance! ~Rachel, age 8, Long Beach, CA                                       | #1 Do they have a 4th of July in England? Yes. That's how they get from the 3rd to the 5th. ~Big Al, a grownup, Frankfort, KY.    |

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*What is the funniest thing a child has ever said to YOU? Please email [dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com](mailto:dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com) and share your story we can feature in a future Creative Carpet & Flooring Creative Thinking newsletter!*



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**Shoot & upload your ugly floor for your chance to win. More details next month!**

