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HOME ADVISOR™

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Attention Kris & Heather Kurtz!

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
Feb 29th. 2012**



Hi All!

Who's counting down the days to spring? After the holidays you can have winter back. I love the fact we have season changes, but I sure am not a fan of this cold. All my knee surgeries never let me forget what season it is!

On a lighter note, I am happy to have my family and the ability to get together with them. It takes some getting used to for my wife and I to go from having 5 boys at home, and now we're down to 2. Cherish these times; they end in the blink of an eye.

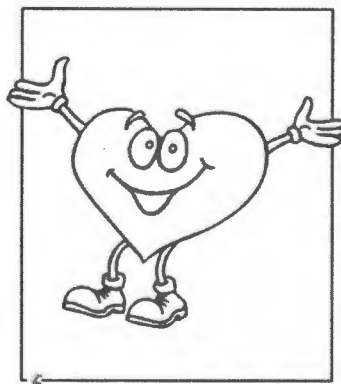
For you empty-nesters, I'm sure you can relate. For you folks who never had children, it sure must make travel plans easier. For myself and my family it takes an act of congress to organize everything!

That being said, I suppose you can see where my head is at. I have been watching the debates, and I am just amazed at how many there are. I suppose it's good for us that are political "wonks". You get to see candidates under pressure. I hope all of you find the time to register and go out and vote. Thank God we live in a free society where we still get to choose our elected representatives.

Well, I thank you for making Creative Carpet a success! You are our life-blood, and we don't ever want to take you for granted!

Thanks so much for just being our friends.

Mark Sr.



WE AT CREATIVE CARPET LOVE OUR CUSTOMERS!!

Thanks for the kind words!

The carpet tile installers were excellent; they did their job quietly and efficiently. The whole process from the showroom to installation was worry free.

Kathy – Orland Park

About Staying Well: Why Can't I Stick to My Diet?

If you look at the covers of magazines in the newsstands you'll find about half the stories concern weight loss, promoting one fad diet after another.

Some of these diets claim to solve all your problems with one simple rule: "Don't eat anything but grapefruit!!"

Others suggest an "All but this..." approach. As in, "All foods except turnips are permitted." Alas, if it were only that simple!

Here are the main reasons diets fail:

1. Too restrictive
2. Not realistic (foods that are too expensive or unavailable)
3. Not healthy (nothing but grapefruit)
4. Not enough foods you enjoy
5. Too drastic a change all at once

The plain truth is that your present diet is probably not that bad (unless you think the only food group is "Junk"). Try cutting your portion size 10-20% and see what happens.

Above all, maintain a balanced approach and don't forget to reward yourself every now and then!



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...

In which year was Magna Carta signed?

a) 1603 b) 1066 c) 1707 d) 1215

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

Answer to last months quiz: Queens Plate

**Congratulations to last month's winner:
Kimberlee Hamilton**

Did You Know...

The majority of the products we offer at Creative Carpet are manufactured in the USA?

The more products and services that are created and manufactured right here in the states, the faster we can help America get back on track.

When you refer us to your friends and family, you are helping to create jobs for many people! Check out the article on the back page on other ways you can do your part.

AND...

If you, or someone you know need to replace your flooring, contact us right away to schedule your **FREE** measure!

Home Advisor

Planning a Color Scheme



Nothing ties a room together like a well-chosen color scheme. But you don't need a fancy designer to make your choices for you. Here are some simple principles to keep in mind when you're planning your next reno:

Color Creates Mood – Yellow is cheerful & invigorating; Green is restful & rejuvenating; Red is energetic & invigorating; Blue is soothing & comforting; Purple is creative and unusual; Orange is energetic & friendly; Neutral colors are just that, neutral. Choose invigorating colors for your daytime rooms, restful colors for bedrooms.

Don't Use Too Many Colors - It's best to choose one color for a room, then work with it. Once you have your base color, pick neutral or white to set it off, then a couple of accents in harmonious colors.

Accent Colors – Choose appropriate tones for your accents. If it makes your head ache, it's probably not appropriate.

Think About Transitions – Orange rooms leading into yellow rooms might be alright, but green into purple may not be!

NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS

RYAN REUTER
ROSEMARY COLLIN
STEVE NEPKIN
BILL & STACEY LAUER
JAMES WILKENS
BLAIR LUSCOMBE
ROD & SALLY ZUIDEMA
MARK DUNAND
CRYSTAL KLOPPMANN
JOE BIGGIO
PAT & VINCE DIFIORE
JUNE OOSTERHOFF
CATHERINE TAYLOR-FOSTER
DENNIS & GINA LAMONTE
PATRICIA SHARIK
BOB & MARY HAMMEL
FRANK DILIBERTO
BRENT SULLIVAN
GARY & JUDY RICE
LISA CATT
BRIAN & DIANE SURANE
FRED MROZEK
RICH BROWN
JEFF & VERONICA HEJNA

Welcome Back to Our Returning Clients...

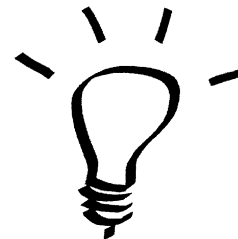
MARY BOBICH
PETE & MARY AMBRISINO
BRIAN & AMANDA BARTOSZ
EILEEN BERGEN
DREW & ELIZABETH
HAVERSTOCK
ROBBIE & JACK HOFFMAN
DARREN LODA
DAVID MARTINO
ARLIN MATULA
WALTER & CAROL NAGEL
THERESA ORELLANA
JOHN & URSULA PREBSTLE
KAREN JOHNSON
DIANE NEESE
MARK & KIM OPALACZ
RICH BROWN

Now that we've recovered from the New Year, not to mention the 2012 hullabaloo, consider these very odd customs from around the world:

- In Denmark people celebrate the New Year by throwing dishes at the front doors of their friends. They don't seem to mind; in fact, the home with the largest pile of broken china is said to be the most fortunate, since they have the most friends.
- In the Philippines everyone wears polka dots in the belief that the circles symbolize money. The more dots - the more prosperity in the New Year.
- Folks in Johannesburg, South Africa throw appliances and furniture out the windows, leaving room for new good things.

Work Tips: Sometimes Faster is Better

There's such a thing as being too picky. There's certainly such a thing as being a perfectionist! But perhaps you're hampering your own creativity – shooting down your ideas before they have a chance to form. Consider this advice from writing consultant Matt Herron:



"One of the most daunting tasks facing writers is the task of finishing the rough draft. For many writers, the rough draft is the hardest part because they don't know how to shut off the critical part of their brain and just finish it. Instead, they nitpick. They rewrite the intro a hundred times. They thumb through a thesaurus looking for that one perfect word, and six hours later they haven't even dented their quota."

Think about it the next time you're starting a big project. Instead of criticizing your ideas, simply brainstorm without analyzing. Scribble your results on a pad of paper and assess them later. You may be amazed at your own brilliance!

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

ANN SCHIPITS
DEBBIE LUSCOMBE
DELORES BERGEN
GINA BLAZECK
JANET SHARIK
KEVIN CHAFF
NANCY GIBBONS
PAM SAGEN
PAUL PICKLER
GENE SULLIVAN
DAMION NAVARRO

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ONE AT A TIME

A physics teacher in high school once told her students that while one grasshopper on the railroad tracks wouldn't slow a train very much, a billion of them would. With that thought in mind, the following is an excerpt written by an American who wants to make a difference.

"Yesterday I was in Walmart looking for a wastebasket. I found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much, so I looked in another department and found some for \$2.50, that were made in the USA. They were just as good. Same thing happened when shopping for a kitchen rug. I found some made in the USA and \$3 cheaper.

We are sold to think that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper - not so! Hallmark carries cards made only in China, and they are more expensive. The Dollar Tree has cards made in the USA that are only 50 cents each."

In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - even their job.

"My favorite toothpaste, Colgate, is made in Mexico. I now use Crest, made in America. You have to read the labels on everything. This past weekend I was at Kroger...I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off-brand labeled "Everyday Value." I compared the stats on both, and they were the same except price. What surprised me the most was that GE was made in Mexico and the other, Cleveland, OH. The same goes for Bounce," Everyday Value" is cheaper and made in the USA.

My challenge to you is to read the labels when you shop and purchase those items made in the USA - the job you save may be a neighbors or even your own!

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You will learn...

- 4 predatory sales tactics
- 7 costly misconceptions about flooring
- 5 questions to ask a dealer before buying

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Recipe Corner

Sausage Lasagna

Total Time: 1 hr 10 min.

Prep 20 min. Cook 50 min.

Ingredients

- 1 pound Bob Evans Italian Roll Sausage
- 1 jar pasta sauce (26 oz)
- 1 can tomato sauce (15 oz)
- 1 package oven ready lasagna noodles (8 oz)
- 1 container ricotta cheese (15 oz)
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
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Directions

In a skillet, crumble and cook sausage over medium heat until brown. Remove from heat and stir in pasta sauce and tomato sauce. In small bowl, combine ricotta cheese and Italian seasoning. Preheat oven to 375F. Spread 1 cup sauce into bottom of a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Top with 3 noodles. Cover noodles with 1/3 of ricotta cheese mixture, 1 cup of mozzarella and 1 cup sauce. Repeat layers two more times. Add last 3 noodles. Top lasagna with remaining sauce and with remaining mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle Parmesan over mozzarella. Cover and bake 45 to 50 minutes or until noodles are tender. Uncover and bake an additional 5 minutes to melt cheese.

I don't quite know how to say this to you, Doreen, but...

...Love, you, I



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WHAT TO

DO NEXT... ~~————~~

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Need More reasons???????



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→ *4 You'll receive top quality customer service!!!

As part of that Customer Service we want to remind you to have your carpets professionally steam cleaned every 2 years for the life of your carpet to maintain your manufacturer warranties.

*5 **MOST IMPORTANTLY!!** ReFer back to "What to do Next"!

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