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A TRIBUTE TO MY MOM

As I reflect on the past eight months of this year, I am humbled by the blessings that have come into my life. My real estate business has done very well, thanks to the wonderful people that I am associated with and that I call friends, mainly all of you. I also look at the biggest challenge that I have faced since Mike and I lost our first son 16 years ago, the slow decline of my mother.

Many of you are probably wondering where I have been all summer. Besides the fact that all of the recipes had chocolate in them or at least something that melted, I spent a great deal of time traveling to and from St. George Utah to spend time with my mom. I will be going again a few more times this year and we are hoping to have a family Thanksgiving there. Some of you have heard me talk about my hero, my Mom, so now I will share with you all.

It is evident that I love my mother. Who doesn't. She is the most gracious, kind and beautiful person that I know. She and my Dad raised 6 children. She was a stay at home Mom. She taught me the birds and the bees. She came to my soccer games, she was the taxi driver and the best teacher I could ever have. She was there for me when I got married and for the birth of all of my children. She was there for the death of her first grandson. She has always been there.



What most of you do not know is that she has struggled with her health most of my life and rarely complained. She seems to always have a smile on her face even when she does not feel well.

The greatest gift that my mom has given me is her faith while facing her life challenges. She is an example to all around her of enduring to the end. She recently suffered a small stroke which has taken from her more control over things, but she keeps going along and my dad is there for her. They have been married 48 years this September and despite the fact that they have had many challenges in this time, the love and care he is showing her is a hallmark of the man that he is and has become. And I am proud of him.

My parents have done a wonderful job. They are examples of trying to do what is right, having faith and living a principle centered life. They are spiritual people and have a foundation in Christ. As difficult as my mother's health challenges have been, I am so grateful for the example of my parents. We do not know how long we have with them, especially Mom, but I have been trying to make the most of what time I do have and that is where I have been.

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Aug 17, 2006	30-yr	15-yr	5/1-yr ARM	1-yr ARM
Average Rates:	6.52%	6.20%	6.18%	5.65%
Fees & Points:	.3	.3	.4	.5

Indian Spiced Rice Treats

Ingredients

- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
- 6 c. crispy rice cereal
- 1 (10 oz) pkg mini marshmallows
- 1 c. chopped unsalted cashew nuts
- 1 tsp. cardamom
- 1 c. golden raisins

Directions

In a large bowl, toss together the cereal, cashew nuts and raisins. Melt the butter in a large pan over medium heat. Stir in the marshmallows and cardamom until smooth. Pour in the cereal mixture, and stir until evenly coated. Spread evenly in a greased baking dish, and pat down lightly. Cool, and cut into squares.

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