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REAL ESTATE, RATES AND RECIPES

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Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch

“It's Christmas Eve...

It's the one night of the year we all act a little nicer, we smile a little easier, we cheer a little more. For a couple of hours out of the whole year we are the people that we always hoped we would be...

...There are people that are having trouble making their miracle happen, there are people that don't have enough to eat, there are people that are cold. You can go out and say hello to these people. You can take an old blanket out of the closet and say "here." You can make 'em a sandwich and say 'Oh, by the way, HERE!'...



...I get it now. If you GIVE, then it can happen, then the miracle can happen to you. It's not just the poor and the hungry, it's EVERYBODY that's gotta have this miracle. And it can happen today for all of you, the miracle will happen, and then you'll want it to happen again tomorrow. It can happen every day..."

...I believe in it now, I believe it's gonna happen to me now, I'm ready for it, and it's a good feeling, it's really better than I've felt in a long time. I'm ready."

(Frank Cross, played by Bill Murray, in the 1988 film "Scrooged")

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Average Mortgage Rates

(Source: FHLMC "Freddie Mac" www.freddiemac.com)

Dec 14, 2006	30-yr	15-yr	5/1-yr ARM	1-yr ARM
Average Rates:	6.12%	5.86%	5.92%	5.45%
Fees & Points:	.4	.5	.6	.8

Poppy Seed Bread

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/4 cups white sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 tsp butter flavored extract
- 1 1/2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 1 1/8 cups vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tsp butter flavored extract
- 1 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix together the flour, 2 1/4 cups white sugar, baking powder, salt, milk, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla and eggs. Mix in the vegetable oil, poppy seeds, 1 1/2 teaspoons butter flavoring and 1 1/2 teaspoons almond flavoring. Beat with an electric mixer for 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Lightly grease 2 loaf pans or 6 small loaf pans. Bake 45-60 minutes at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Cool for 3 minutes and top with the orange glaze.
3. To make Orange Glaze: Mix together 1/4 cup orange juice, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon butter flavoring and 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring.

(from allrecipes.com)



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