

# The State of the Estate

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## High School Seniors....Now and Then

In honor of Eva starting her senior year in high school, here's a comparison of high school during her grandparents' era (1960s), Scott's and my era (1980s), and today.

### TECH

High school seniors today say, "Why would I talk on the phone? Let's text." For seniors in the 1980s, we were enjoying new technology in the form of call waiting, caller ID, and \*69. The grandparents suffered through busy signals on a family wall phone with a long curly cord.

Computers for Eva's grandparents meant HAL or NASA Mission Control, while for kids in the 1980s, the computer was a behemoth of tan plastic in the family den. For high school seniors now, a computer means a thin candy-colored laptop for each member of the family. Kids in the 1960s and 1980s wrote in our best cursive, while seniors today may never write on paper at all, and when they do, it's not in cursive.



Television in the 1960s meant three channels and the entire family had to agree on what to watch. Kids in the 1980s planned our schedules around when our favorite TV shows aired (Dallas was on Friday nights!) Kids today binge watch an entire season of new shows on Netflix, watch TV on phone screens, and never watch commercials.

### FEARS

Eva's grandparents had air raid drills and duck-and-cover drills in case of nuclear attack. Kids in the 1960s also experienced corporal punishment like paddling if they misbehaved. High school students in the 1980s were the first generation to know about the risk of AIDS. Kids today have active shooter and lockdown drills.

### DRESS CODE

Girls in the 1960s still had to wear dresses or skirts in most parts of the country, and many schools made girls kneel on the ground to make sure the hemline of the skirt touched the floor. When Scott and I were in high school in the 1980s, dress codes were relaxed. High school fashion in the 1980s included perms and high, hair-sprayed hair for girls and Member's Only jackets for the boys. Kids today wear almost anything, including tattoos, piercings, and colored hair.

### DATE NIGHT

The most popular movies in the 1960s were The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, Psycho, and The Sound of Music. All movies were shown as double features. The most popular movies of the 1980s were Back to the Future, Top Gun, and anything with The Brat Pack (like The Breakfast Club.) Today's most popular movies include La La Land, Get Out, and Toy Story, and kids today watch sequels, prequels, reboots, and franchises.

# Reimbursable Out-Of-Pocket Expenses from The Personal Representative

Receipts for out of pocket expenses that are reimbursable include payments made by the personal representative on behalf of the estate. All expenses must have a receipt of proof of payment to be reimbursed. Nothing is reimbursed until the end of the probate and the closing of the estate.

Common Issues We see are the following:

- Bills paid for the estate (including Utilities, Insurance on Property, Registration for Vehicles, Credit Card Payments and other expenses that are paid to keep the estate bills up to date including Mortgage payments) These are reimbursable with receipts showing payments made.
- Postage is not refundable. So a personal representative cannot be reimbursed for mailing items on behalf of the probate or estate.
- Bond is reimbursable to the personal representative but not to the estate for the first year only. If bond must be paid for a second year then it is not reimbursed.

If you have questions about whether an item will be reimbursable call our office and we can discuss the details of the situation with you!



## FOLLOW THE RAINBOW (PART 3)

BY: MARIAH HERNANDEZ

*This is the third part in the series of this story. This story is the winning submission for The Grossman Law Firm, APC writing contest! To read the other portions of this story please visit our website and review the newsletter section.*

He nodded, looking thoughtful and sad. “Yes, she loved them a lot.”

“Did she always love them?” she asked.

“Yes, she did. It was the first thing she knew how to draw.”

“Did you always love them, too?”

He had been quiet for a while, so she looked up at him with expectant eyes. Then, he got up from his chair, and sat down next to her, picking up one of her toys.

“I didn’t love them until your mother. I always thought they were pretty, but I always liked the rain more.”

“Why would you like the rain more? It has no color!” He laughed at her incredulous tone.

“I didn’t really care about color until I met your mother. I just liked playing in the rain.”

She smiled at that because she also loved playing in the rain. But soon, her smile gave way to a frown.

“Where can I see a rainbow?”

“When it rains.”

“When can I see momma again?”

His soft smile had dropped for a startled second. Then, with a gentle kiss upon her forehead, he said, “When it rains, look for the rainbow, and you’ll see her in the colors.”

The colors. There’s blue and yellow, even some purple which is her favorite color, and there’s green which was the color of her mother’s eyes. The rainbow shifts colors almost as quickly as it shifts places.

But she never loses patience.

She follows the rainbow, seeing a smile from her mother in the flash of red that stands out in it. She sees her mother’s laugh in the streak of yellow that is barely distinguishable in the rainbow.

*To Be continued.....*

# Rustic Letter for Front Door DIY

Creating a Homemade Gift for family and friends!

This is a simple and fun project to make for someone you love!

For this project you just need:

- burlap cord
- wooden or plastic letter from a craft store
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Flowers
- Ribbon

## Directions:

Then you take the twine and wrap around and glue the ends and the Ribbon to the frame and then add the flowers glued on to where you like it.



# Crockpot Broccoli Cheese Soup Recipe

Are you ready for the tastiest way to warm up on a chilly day?

This Easy Crockpot Broccoli Cheese Soup Recipe is your answer!

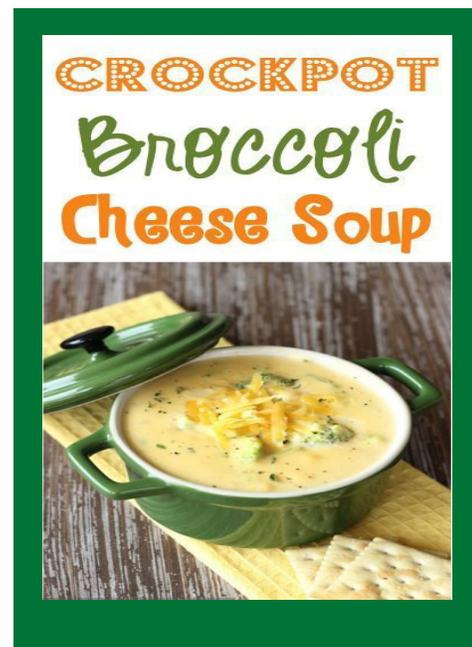
Prep time	Cook time	Total time
10 mins	2 hours	2 hours 10 mins

## Ingredients

- 16 oz. Frozen Cut Broccoli {1 bag}, slightly thawed and roughly chopped.
- 1 White Onion, chopped
- 4 tbsp. Butter
- 10.5 oz. Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup {1 can}
- 12 oz. can Evaporated Milk
- 10.5 oz. Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup {1 can}
- 10.5 oz. Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup {1 can}
- 16 oz. Velveeta Cheese, cubed {1 pound}
- ¼ tsp. Pepper

## Instructions

1. Spray Crockpot with Pam Cooking Spray
2. Saute chopped Onion in Butter, then transfer to large bowl.
3. Combine sauteed onions with all other ingredients in large bowl, and stir well.
4. Transfer ingredients into sprayed Crockpot, then cover with lid.
5. Cook on HIGH for 2 hours, or LOW for 4 hours. ENJOY!



<http://thefrugalgirls.com/2015/03/crockpot-broccoli-cheese-soup-recipe.html>

## We want to congratulate Guiliana Berman on winning 2018 Video Scholarship!

Guiliana is currently enrolled at Norco College and plans to attend California Baptist University soon! She spent a lot of time editing and working on her video submission and did a great job of sharing a story about her life and her family. We are sure that she will be go far! Congratulations again Guiliana!



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## Reimbursable Expenses



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## Creating the Perfect Home Office!

Gone are the days when you only had the choice of a desk and chair for your home office. Today's home office furnishings options are all but endless. So, first things first! As with any decorating project, you first need to determine what you want to accomplish in your new home office, and then match those needs with the right furnishings!

- While many people purchase a conventional desk, more and more are requiring extra space. If you fall into this category, you might consider a workstation. With an L-shaped configuration, you should find that it provides approximately twice the work space of a traditional desk. Plus, the storage options are virtually endless – cubbyholes, drawers and cabinets are all designed to store office essentials.
- Another popular workstation option is the office armoire: two tall doors open to reveal a drop down work surface and plenty of storage space. Available in a multitude of design styles and furniture finishes, these popular pieces can easily fit into any design style.
- Chairs, too, have vastly improved in terms of aesthetics as well as comfort. This is one place you can really put a personal stamp on your home office. Who says you can't work from a traditional wing chair? Or even a country style Adirondack chair? Once you've determined your style preference, you next need to give careful consideration to the ergonomics. If you spend a majority of your time working at a computer, you may want to opt for a chair with separate adjustments for lumbar and lower back support, arm width and height, seat back angle and seat height.
- Another extremely important consideration in creating the home office of your dreams is storage. Books, files, mail, magazines, and a plethora of other paperwork are essential to any full-fledged office – and as we all know – every piece of paper deserves its own home. Take stock of how many linear feet of open and closed storage you need right now, then multiply that figure by 25% to 50% to allow for future growth. Once you've come to a comfortable conclusion, consider various storage options – everything from conventional steel files to traditional wood cabinetry.
- And finally, don't forget those furnishings that will put the "home" in "home office". Decorative lighting, an ottoman for put-your-feet-up comfort, even a home entertainment unit can add up to an office ready for any job. And of course, those finishing touches – custom window treatments, area rugs, artwork and collectibles will all help to say, "This is my space!" Given the right decorative approach, you'll find it hard to leave work when 5 o'clock rolls around!

