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A NOTE FROM JULES

I love this time of year most because families get together more. I have a really great and simple turkey recipe. After I wash the turkey thoroughly, I add my favorite spices to the cavity, along with fresh carrots, celery, onion, and one stick of butter. I spritz olive oil on the outside and add a rub with those same spices. Another stick of butter goes on the breast then it's ready for the roaster at about 325°. Just slow roast until it's done.

This is a great time to reflect and be thankful for all the blessings of the year! I have so many blessings that I could never begin to list them all. But, I'm most grateful for all the people who have had faith in me as I started my business.

P.S. Happy Thanksgiving! I look forward to getting to know more of you in 2008!

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More Businesses Saving Labor Costs with Virtual Assistants

Technology is always finding new ways for small and medium sized businesses to compete with their bigger counterparts. Most recently, businesses have found that they can maximize their labor dollars, while accessing a pool of talented professionals previously out of their reach due to the costs required to secure the best candidates.

This is being achieved with Virtual Assistants. The professionals have left corporate America and struck out on their own. These independent contractors work from home providing a variety of services to businesses based on their education, and experience. This growing trend provides small and medium sized businesses access to wide range of professional support across a broad spectrum of professional skills in a variety of industries.

So, how do you find a Virtual Assistant? The good news is that, if you're reading this, you've already found one. There are also a number of online services where you can post projects and screen and select candidates yourself, including guru.com and virtualassistants.com.

Virtual Assistants cost a fraction of the expense of full-time employees. Virtual Assistants are available in a wide variety of skills and expertise, so businesses can make a custom match between a VA and a

project rather than limiting themselves to the skill set of a single staff member. They also allow businesses to leverage their time and resources more efficiently by eliminating excess payroll expenses by paying only for the time spent on their project. Waste is reduced by no longer worrying about taxes, benefits, vacation pay, and time wasted by the water cooler.

More and more businesses are embracing the Virtual Assistant, not just in theory, but in daily practice. There's no question that it's a win-win situation for any business looking to get professional support without the hassle and expense of keeping a full-time employee.



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Holiday Feast

I love having a house full of family and friends on Thanksgiving. I am fairly traditional and always do the time-honored turkey and stuffing. But I like to spice it up with a new recipe or two every year. Here are the ones I'm trying out this year.

Pumpkin Cheesecake

1 1/2 cups crushed ginger snaps
1/3 cup butter or margarine -- melted
Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together gingersnap crumbs and butter until crumbs are moistened & press onto

bottom of greased springform pan. Bake about 8 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack.

1 8 oz package cream cheese, softened
1 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 8 oz. container whipped topping
Beat cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar and pumpkin pie spice in large bowl until smooth. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate three hours or until set.

Pomegranate-Cranberry Sauce

1 (12 ounce) bag fresh cranberries, rinsed and sorted
1 pomegranate, peeled and seeds separated
1 cup white sugar

1 cup orange juice
1 teaspoon orange zest
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
Mix cranberries, sugar, orange juice, orange zest, ground cloves, & cinnamon sticks together in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Lower heat to medium, and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool. Stir pomegranate seeds into cranberry mixture, and refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. Remove the cinnamon sticks before serving.



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*TPS will be closed for the holidays
on the following dates:*

Thanksgiving - Thur., Nov. 22 & Fri., Nov. 23

Christmas - Mon., Dec. 24 through Wed., Dec. 26

New Year's - Mon., Dec. 31 through Wed., Jan. 2

Lock in your rate for 2008!

TPS will be raising its hourly rate starting Jan. 1, 2008. Sign a minimum of a 90-day contract before December 31, 2007 and, upon contract renewal for a minimum of 90 days up to one year, you will lock in your rate for the renewal term.

Real Brief Bits

LEGAL BRIEFS

Lawyers and law firms that recognize the value of sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and MySpace in building their businesses are at the forefront of a new networking movement. At the same time, these pioneers are blazing ethics trails into previously uncharted territory. As with any attorney venture, the use of social networking sites can be subject to state ethics rules and regulations. Just because the interaction is in cyberspace, rather than a conference room, doesn't mean it's immune to regulation.

From The Legal Reader

REAL BRIEF TRIVIA

- In Massachusetts, it's illegal to be open for business on Thanksgiving Day. It wasn't until 1994 that voters in Massachusetts legalized shopping on Sundays and summer holidays like the Fourth of July. The restrictions remain in place on Christmas and Thanksgiving, though.
- Sneezing or burping is illegal during a church service in Omaha, NE.
- In Michigan, a woman's hair legally belongs to her husband. As a result, she is not allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough."

~Abraham Lincoln