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**A NOTE FROM JULES**

Here we are, nearing that colorful time of year: Fall. Cooler weather, hot chocolate, and football. For me, it's a time to fill the kitchen with the inviting scents of home cooking that bring back the safe, comfy feeling of childhood!

Fall is the perfect time for baking, making soup, and preparing hearty snacks for football games. It's also a perfect time to slow down from the busy summer and rest up for the fast approaching holiday season. Cooking and football are two of my favorite things. They provide a sense of well-being for me.

So, remember to slow down. Take time for yourself and your family. Enjoy cozy afternoons at home or a fun Fall outing to see the vibrant colors that only come this time of year!

*P.S. Ask me about our new software sharing program.*

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## Real Brief

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## Virtual Assistants Help Businesses Thrive

Armed with an internet connection, phone, and fax, Virtual Assistants provide a wide range of business services that once only got done from an office cubicle.

A Virtual Assistant is a professional office assistant who provides services and support without being physically present. They conduct the majority of their business via the Internet, fax, and phone. VAs are entrepreneurs just like many of their clients. This helps them cultivate a better understanding of their clients' needs. Since much of their work is done online, they are flexible to work from anywhere with anyone.

While businesses of all sizes and types employ VAs, they are often most valuable to smaller business. When small businesses grow, they can quickly become overwhelmed with daily business tasks. They need to hire help, but

they don't always have the office space or need someone full time. The best solution for success is to hire a VA. The relationship can thrive thanks to e-mail, instant messages, phone calls, and occasionally even a face-to-face meeting.

As corporate downsizing and budget cuts continue, demand for VAs increases. The benefits to employers are tremendous. Companies hire help only when they need it, don't have to worry about providing office space and equipment, and don't have to worry about training or providing benefits. Studies of VAs have reported an increase in productivity as high as 85%!



While this field is a new one, it has grown significantly in just a few short years. The outlook for growth is good for both sides of this equation. Technology makes such arrangements seamless and cost-effective for companies willing to risk something new.

### TOP 5 Benefits of Hiring a Virtual Assistant

1. Studies show significantly increased productivity.
2. You only hire help when you need it.
3. You don't have to pay for office space & equipment.
4. You don't have to pay for training.
5. You can "test the waters" with a short term, no-obligation trial period.

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## Fun Fall Favorites

Backyard bonfires; halftime parties; cozy evenings at home. Fall is a time for hearty food that fills your belly and warms your heart. Bread bowls are a great way to serve up some comfort food. Here are a couple of my favorite bread bowl dishes that are quick and easy if company drops by. They're so simple, you won't miss the game!

### Easy Beer Cheese Soup

5 Tablespoons Butter  
1/3 Cup All Purpose Flour  
4 Cups reduced-Sodium Chicken Broth  
3/4 Cup Cheez Whiz  
3/4 Cup Beer  
1/8 Teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce  
1 1/2 Cups Shredded Cheddar Cheese  
In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. When bubbly, add flour. Reduce heat. Whisk together for 2 minutes. Add broth and whisk together over medium heat until flour is incorporated

well and mixture begins to boil. Add Cheez Whiz, beer, and Worcestershire. Stir until well combined and bubbly. Add cheddar cheese and stir until completely melted. Serve in bread bowls.

### Easy Chili Cheese Dip

1 can Chili  
1/2 of an 8 oz. package Cream Cheese  
Heat chili on stove. Stir in cream cheese until melted. Serve in bread bowl. Use extra bread for dipping! Add your favorite spices for some extra zip – Tabasco, garlic, chives, etc.

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## Real Brief Bits

### LEGAL BRIEFS

The top five hazards in the home have been identified in a Press Release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). According to the CPSC, "each year, 33.1 million people are injured by consumer products in the home.

To keep Americans informed of dangers, the CPSC has identified the top five hidden home hazards – associated with products that people may be using everyday, but are unaware of the dangers that they can cause. These home hazards are often unseen or unnoticed by consumers."

The top five hazards are: magnets, recalled products, tip-overs, windows & coverings, and pool & spa drains.

### REAL BRIEF TRIVIA

- At one time it was illegal for Nebraska bar owners to sell beer unless they were simultaneously brewing a kettle of soup.
- In the state of Alabama, it is illegal to operate a vehicle while blindfolded.
- Ever wonder where the phrase "trial by fire" came from? In the Middle Ages, a suspect was forced to hold in his hand a red-hot iron or, blind-folded and with bare feet, to walk among nine red-hot ploughshares, placed haphazardly on the ground. If he passed through the ordeal unharmed, he was innocent. It was believed that God would spare the righteous.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Is it less dishonest to do what is wrong because it is not expressly prohibited by written law?"

Let us hope our moral principles are not yet in that stage of degeneracy."

~ *Thomas Jefferson*

