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The Simpsons

The Simpsons made their grand debut on Fox with the holiday episode "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire" on December 17,
1989. That means Homer, Marge, Bart. Lisa, and Maggie have been making us laugh for 35 years – and counting!

The Art of Finding Work -You Can Minimize the Odds of Being Ghosted

by Nick Kossovan



When job seekers complain about being ghosted—a form of silent rejection where candidates hear nothing after submitting an application or having been interviewed—I wonder if they're unaware of the changes in social norms and mannerisms. Do they not know that social norms and the workplace are intertwined? Since the advent of social media, manners, courtesy, and empathy have significantly diminished.

If there's one thing job seekers can be certain about, it is that they'll be ghosted multiple times throughout their job search. It wouldn't be a stretch to say ghosting candidates has become a norm. It's worth pointing out that companies don't ghost candidates, the company's employees ghost candidates. When the recruiter or hiring manager is of a generation that finds ghosting an acceptable way to terminate a relationship, romantic or otherwise, it shouldn't come as a surprise when they ghost candidates.

Bad News: You can't change or control other people's behaviour.

Good News: You can take proactive steps to minimize —as with all human interactions, there are no guarantees—the chances of being ghosted.

Build a Strong Relationship. Focus on Being Likeable.

Understandably, hiring managers—recruiters less so since they won't be working with the candidate—look to hire candidates they can envision getting along with; hence, most job seekers would significantly boost their chance of job search success by focusing more on being likable.

By likable, I mean being pleasant, respectful, and expressing genuine interest in the company and the role. I've yet to meet a hiring manager who hires candidates they don't like. As I've mentioned in previous columns, likeability supersedes your skills and experience. Most job seekers don't focus enough on being likeable.

The stronger the relationship you establish with the recruiter or hiring manager, the more likely they won't ghost you. From your first interaction, focus on creating a rapport beyond just transactional communication.

Personalizing your correspondence can make a significant difference. Use the hiring manager's name instead of a generic 'To Whom It May Concern.' Find commonalities such as place of birth, hobbies, schools attended, associations you belong to, favourite restaurants, and people you know.

Avoid Appearing Confrontational

Anyone reading this can relate to the number one reason why people ghost: to avoid confrontation. Today, many people feel entitled, resulting in job seekers being frustrated and angry. You only need to scroll through LinkedIn posts and comments to see that bashing employers has become an unproductive trend. Hence, it's likely that a candidate will become confrontational if told they don't get the job.

Smile throughout your interview! Avoid appearing desperate! My best interviews have been those in which I was nonchalant; I was indifferent to whether or not I got the job. In addition to being a turn-off, showing signs of desperation will raise questions about how you'll react if told you aren't hired.

Lastly, tell your interviewer how much you enjoyed talking with them and that you look forward to hearing back.

"I really enjoyed our conversation, Khloe. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. I look forward to hearing your hiring decision."

"Either way, please call or email me to let me know about my application status."

You're more likely to receive a response by asking explicitly for communication.

Earn Your Interviewer's Respect

People tend not to ghost someone they respect.

Respect must be earned, starting with one of life's golden rules: Treat others how you want to be treated. In other words, give respect to get respect.

Throughout your job search, be professional and courteous. Respond promptly to emails and calls and thank people for their time. Approaching recruiters and hiring managers politely and professionally improves your chances of being treated similarly.

Ask For Advice, Not Feedback

Asking for advice encourages communication. As your interviewer is wrapping up the interview, mention that you'd welcome their advice. "Given your extensive background in project management, any advice you may have for me wanting to advance my career would be greatly appreciated."

Why ask for advice and not feedback? The first problem with asking for feedback is it puts the other person on the spot. The second problem is feedback can lead to disagreement, hurt feelings, or defensiveness, a common reaction resulting in confrontation. On the other hand, asking for advice is asking for guidance and suggestions to achieve a better result. Essentially, you're acknowledging the other person's experience and massaging their ego. Do you know anyone who doesn't like being asked for advice?

Send a Thank You Note

Sending a thank you note expressing appreciation for the interview and the insights you gained reinforces your interest and keeps the lines of communication open. Conclude with a forward-looking statement, encouraging the recipient to respond.

"I look forward to hearing from you regarding the next steps."

"I look forward to staying in touch."

Job searching aside, direct, open, and honest communication—say what you mean, mean what you say—which I highly value, has become rare, which explains the prevalence of ghosting. When you're ghosted, assume the company isn't enthusiastic about hiring you. Silence may be golden in some things, but ghosting is not one of them.



GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Holiday!

1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.

2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.

3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.

4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.

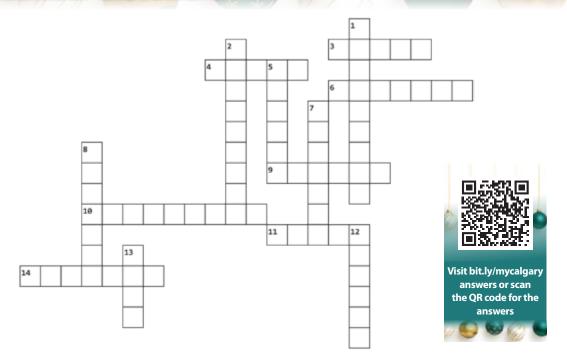
5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.

6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the





December Crossword



Across

3. On December 5, 1991, Jostein Gaarder's novel, *Sophie's* _____, was published and tells the story of a Norwegian teenager on a journey of discovery about the history of philosophy.

4. *Driving Miss* _____, starring Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur to an elderly widow played by Jessica Tandy, was released on December 13, 1989.

6. Canadian singer, Nelly _____, was born on December 2, 1978, in Victoria, British Columbia.

9. This Christmas tree decoration, originally made from real silver that was shredded, was first invented in Germany in 1610.

10. December's official birthstone has the same name as the colour that it is.

11. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel ______ Prize on December 10, 1964.

14. James Cameron's _____ was first released on December 19, 1997, and is one of the highest-grossing films ever.

Down

1. International _____ Day was mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985 and takes place every year on December 5.

2. December's birth flowers are the _____ (also known as paperwhites) and the holly.

5. On December 24, 1818, a choir in Austria first performed the popular Christmas carol "_____ Night".

7. This annual holiday celebrating African American culture is observed from December 26 to January 1.

8. On December 29, 1989, the Associated Press named hockey player Wayne Gretsky and tennis player Navratilova Best Athletes of the Decade.

12. Canadian actor and comedian, _____ Levy, was born on December 17, 1946, in Hamilton, Ontario.

13. On December 1, 2003, the final film of *the Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Return of the* _____, premiered in New Zealand.





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July 24	24	18	\$454,450	\$458,750
June 24	23	19	\$495,000	\$495,000
May 24	32	31	\$529,999	\$530,000
April 24	23	30	\$517,400	\$523,000
March 24	33	24	\$462,500	\$492,500
February 24	22	13	\$419,900	\$460,000
January 24	19	25	\$514,888	\$514,888
December 23	11	8	\$507,400	\$493,500
November 23	11	13	\$390,000	\$390,000

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Cold Weather Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedics respond to a number of cold weather-related emergencies every winter. However, by taking appropriate measures to dress properly, anticipate sudden weather changes and preparing to be out in the cold, may reduce your risk of sustaining a cold weather illness/injury. It's also advised you store an emergency kit in your vehicle at all times containing extra clothing, blankets and other road-side supplies.

Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen skin;
- It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- The skin may look red and possibly feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frostnip usually heals without complication;
- Move to a warm environment and immediately, but gently, re-warm the affected area through skin to skin contact (i.e. hand covering tips of ears).

Frostbite

• Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissues freeze;

- Affected skin may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Move to a warm environment immediately and place the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water until fully re-warmed;
- Call 9-1-1 or seek further medical attention as required.

Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- Early hypothermia may manifest as profound shivering; moderate hypothermic patients may act inappropriately: stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to drop resulting in severe hypothermia (<30°C);
- Left untreated, severe hypothermia may progress to unconsciousness or death;
- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is key. Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
- Initiate gentle re-warming as quickly as possible. Remove any wet or constrictive clothing; cover with blankets or sleeping bags. Protect from further heat loss: eliminate contact with cold surfaces, and shield from wind and moisture.

RECIPE

Easy Turkey Chili

by Jennifer Puri

Turkey is a large bird which is rich in protein and other nutrients such as iron, zinc, and selenium. It provides many of the same calories as chicken and most people are easily able to digest it.

Ground turkey is an inexpensive way to consume turkey and over the years has grown in popularity as a substitute for ground chicken. Rich in vitamins and minerals it can contribute to a healthy diet as it is low in fat. Dark meat is more flavourful but has more calories than white meat without the skin.

Turkey can be added to soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, or Chili as shown in this Easy Turkey Chili recipe below.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 2 tbsps. olive or vegetable oil
- 3 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 1 medium yellow onion chopped
- 1 red bell pepper finely chopped
- 1 900 ml carton (low sodium) chicken broth
- 1 28 oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 small can corn niblets drained and rinsed
- 1 540 ml can black beans drained and rinsed
- 1 540 ml can red kidney beans drained and rinsed
- 1/2 tsp Chili powder
- 2 tsps. ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground black pepper

Directions:

 In a large pot add olive or vegetable oil, chopped onion, garlic, and red pepper. Sauté the vegetables for 3 to 4 minutes until onions are softened and then add the ground turkey. Sauté the turkey for 4 to 5 minutes until cooked through.



- Add the Chili powder, ground cumin, oregano, salt and black pepper and continue to cook for a couple of minutes.
- Add the black beans, kidney beans, corn, and diced tomatoes and blend in with the turkey.
- Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil and then reduce heat and allow the Chili to simmer for approximately 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Garnish the Turkey Chili with sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese and chopped coriander leaves or taco chips and sliced avocado if preferred.

Bon Appétit!



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Season's Greetings!

It is that time of year again. The days are short, the snow has flown, and that holiday spirit is in the air. Whether it be around the house or out and about, I hope you get a chance to spend special time with your loved ones. There will be many festivities to take part in. I will do my best to summarize them for you in the online version of my column and highlight some of the need-to-know municipal topics for the season like snow and ice control.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit calgary.ca/ward14 for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14 or calling 403-268-1653.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Councillor Peter Demong



[Alfred] Nobel Prize



The very first Nobel Prize award ceremony took place on December 10, 1901. These were created due to Alfred Nobel's will and his interest in science, society, and culture, and are described as prizes given for "the greatest benefit to humankind."



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

As 2024 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the work I've done in Calgary in addition to my Parliamentary duties.

To kick off the new year, my office collected nine boxes of food items (thanks to generous Calgary Midnapore residents) and donated them to the Veterans Food Bank of Alberta. In February, I partnered with Don Bosco School in Deer Ridge to deliver handmade valentines to residents of the Canyon Meadows Retirement Home for my fifth annual Valentines for Seniors campaign.

In the spring I participated in Telus' annual Kits for Kids campaign, which provides school supplies to students in need. My team attended the Willow Ridge Community Association's Civic Affairs Night on my behalf. Also in the spring, nominations opened for the King Charles III Coronation Medal, I look forward to celebrating the twenty deserving constituents who were selected for the medal in early 2025.

As the House of Commons rose for the summer break, I jumped straight into events across the riding from Ukrainian Fest in Acadia to the 50th anniversary of the Queensland Diamond Cove Community Association. I spent Canada Day in Parkland and then began the Stampede season with pancake breakfasts in Lake Chaparral, Deer Run, Lake Sundance, Acadia, Silverado, Lake Bonavista, and more! As the summer wrapped up, I spent some time with Calgary's Korean, Filipino, Venezuelan, Francophone, and Hong Kong communities.

Finally in the fall, I visited with volunteers at Deer Run's Annual Cleanup and paid respects to our fallen soldiers at the Field of Crosses.

This is just some of the work I've done over the past year. If you'd like to learn more about my work both here and in Ottawa, please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at StephanieKusieMP.ca.

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